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Section 15A
Regional Commission

Overview

15A.1 The Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) was established by Economic and Social Council resolution 671 (XXV) of 25 April 1958 and is a subsidiary body of the Council. The main objective of the Commission is to initiate and facilitate concerted action for the economic and social development of African countries.

15A.2 Providing active support to its member States both in articulating strategies for socio-economic transformation and translating commitments into effective policy actions, has been an important part of the Commission's effort to foster socio-economic development in the region. The Commission had, in this regard, assisted member States in the articulation of common positions in preparation of global conferences or in implementing the ones adopted previously. Thus in the 1994-1995 biennium, the Commission facilitated the adoption of an African common position on social and human development as the region's input to the World Summit for Social Development; and the African Platform of Action for Women as an input to the Fourth World Conference on Women. The Commission had also facilitated the adoption of the Dakar/Ngor Declaration on Population, Family and Sustainable Development as the region's input to the International Conference on Population and Development. It has also initiated preparations at the regional level of the Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, with the adoption of a common African position as an input to the global preparatory process.

15A.3 At the same time, the Commission has been actively involved in promoting the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, the Second United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa, the Addis Ababa Plan of Action for Statistical Development in Africa and Agenda 21 on Environment and Development. The Commission has also participated in the implementation of the Abuja Treaty establishing the African Economic Community, in particular through support for the preparation of the protocols dealing with various aspects of the Treaty.

15A.4 Against this background, the salient feature of the 1996-1997 work programme is to assist member States both to consolidate the reforms they have begun and increase support for the implementation of existing plans and strategies through a mix of policy advice, technical assistance and analytical research. The common thread that will run through assistance to member States is strengthening their critical capacities for development, which are defined as encompassing the human, institutional and infrastructural dimensions.

15A.5 Capacity-building has been an important activity of the Commission. The renewed impetus for capacity-building draws its inspiration from the strategic objectives for Africa's development recently established for the Commission, and also from the realization that capacity-building is a complex process that requires a long gestation period. As recognition has grown about the scale and complexity of the development challenges that African countries confront, consensus has evolved about the importance of building and sustaining critical capacities to promote socio-economic development and transformation. Yet it is fully recognized that there are significant intercountry differences in capacity-building and utilization in Africa.

As such, the specific forms of intervention to be used by the Commission in support of development efforts of member States will vary according to country contexts and the policy issues being addressed.

15A.6 In preparing the 1996-1997 work programme, the recommendations that emerged from internal and external management reports on the various aspects of the Commission's work in the preceding bienniums have been taken into account. An important step being taken in this regard is the reorganization of the structure of the secretariat in the course of 1995, which aims at improved implementation of the programme of work in an integrated manner. The reorganization will strengthen the capacity of the secretariat to carry out its activities, which have become increasingly multisectoral in nature. As a result, a great number of the substantive activities under each of the subprogrammes will be carried out by task forces involving more than one organizational unit. This will ensure full use of complementarity and increased effectiveness. In order to reflect the changes in the new approach to programme implementation, a number of posts are proposed for redeployment between subprogrammes as well as to programme support in order to strengthen the Commission's capacity to provide administrative services efficiently.

15A.7 The estimated percentage distribution of the total resources under section 15A would be as follows:

		Regular budget	*Extra-budgetary*
		(percentage)	
A.	Policy-making organs	1.0	—
B.	Executive direction and management	5.2	3.7
C.	Programme of work	51.5	66.8
D.	Programme support	42.3	29.5
	Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

Table 15A.1 **Summary of requirements by programme**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Programme		*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
				Amount	*Percentage*			
A.	Policy-making organs	410.9	688.4	—	—	688.4	86.9	775.3
B.	Executive direction and management	2 493.6	2 879.9	838.4	29.1	3 718.3	353.9	4 072.2
C.	Programme of work	38 143.3	39 516.3	(2 568.6)	(6.5)	36 947.7	3 481.4	40 429.1
D.	Programme support	24 289.6	27 528.4	2 117.1	7.6	29 645.5	3 500.6	33 146.1
	Total	**65 337.4**	**70 613.0**	**386.9**	**0.5**	**70 999.9**	**7 422.8**	**78 422.7**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 estimates	Source of funds	1996-1997 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
1 527.2	1 604.0	(i) United Nations organizations	1 628.3
2 882.3	905.4	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	905.4
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
12 492.4	1 793.9	UNDP	—
1 686.4	480.9	United Nations Trust Fund for African Development	—
3 468.8	2 311.6	UNFPA	2 632.1
1 790.5	2 687.0	FAO	—
1 841.3	2 078.2	Bilateral sources	3 235.1
25 688.9	**11 861.0**	**Total**	**8 400.9**
91 026.3	**82 474.0**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**86 823.6**

Table 15A.2 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 appropriations	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	1996-1997 estimates
			Amount	Percentage			
Posts	53 804.6	52 772.5	137.9	0.2	52 910.4	5 281.4	58 191.8
Other staff costs	1 786.4	2 972.7	(114.2)	(3.8)	2 858.5	361.4	3 219.9
Consultants and experts	575.0	1 090.9	(75.0)	(6.8)	1 015.9	134.2	1 150.1
Travel	1 620.5	2 522.9	(105.2)	(4.1)	2 417.7	309.9	2 727.6
Contractual services	1 049.0	1 588.7	(20.0)	(1.2)	1 568.7	197.8	1 766.5
General operating expenses	3 408.6	5 077.2	463.4	9.1	5 540.6	693.9	6 234.5
Supplies and materials	1 345.9	2 297.1	(100.0)	(4.3)	2 197.1	276.2	2 473.3
Equipment	601.9	1 143.8	200.0	17.4	1 343.8	168.0	1 511.8
Fellowships, grants, contributions	1 145.5	1 147.2	—	—	1 147.2	—	1 147.2
Total	**65 337.4**	**70 613.0**	**386.9**	**0.5**	**70 999.9**	**7 422.8**	**78 422.7**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 estimates	Object of expenditure	1996-1997 estimates
12 910.1	7 566.9	Posts	4 972.9
3 058.3	411.0	Other staff costs	850.0
3 161.1	746.9	Consultants	462.7
2 358.5	1 018.6	Travel	616.0
780.1	445.8	Contractual services	115.0
618.5	378.1	General operating expenses	87.4
344.5	209.5	Supplies	338.6
70.9	117.2	Furniture	101.0
624.3	153.2	Equipment	58.5
—	1.5	Improvement to premises	—
1 762.6	812.3	Other expenditures	798.8
25 688.9	**11 861.0**	**Total**	**8 400.9**
91 026.3	**82 474.0**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**86 823.6**

Table 15A.3 **Post requirements**

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	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	17	17	—	—	1	—	18	17
P-5	41	41	1	—	15	9	57	50
P-4/3	133	136	1	—	11	8	145	144
P-2/1	30	30	—	—	8	6	38	36
Total	**223**	**226**	**2**	**—**	**35**	**23**	**260**	**249**
Other categories								
Local level	376	379	2	—	50	31	428	410
Field Service	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
Total	**379**	**382**	**2**	**—**	**50**	**31**	**431**	**413**
Grand total	**602**	**608**	**4**	**—**	**85**	**54**	**691**	**662**

A. Policy-making organs

Table 15A.4 **Summary of requirements by programme**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Programme	1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 appropriations	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	1996-1997 estimates
			Amount	Percentage			
A. Policy-making organs	410.9	688.4	—	—	688.4	86.9	775.3
Total	**410.9**	**688.4**	**—**	**—**	**688.4**	**86.9**	**775.3**

Table 15A.5 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 appropriations	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	1996-1997 estimates
			Amount	Percentage			
Other staff costs	307.5	529.2	—	—	529.2	66.5	595.7
Contractual services	12.2	44.4	—	—	44.4	5.6	50.0
General operating expenses	72.5	85.8	—	—	85.8	10.8	96.6
Supplies and materials	18.7	29.0	—	—	29.0	4.0	33.0
Total	**410.9**	**688.4**	**—**	**—**	**688.4**	**86.9**	**775.3**

15A.8 The Conference of Ministers responsible for Economic and Social Development, referred to as the ECA Conference of Ministers, is the principal policy-making organ of the secretariat. It is supported by the Technical Preparatory Committee of the Whole.

15A.9 The annual sessions of the ECA Conference of Ministers and the Technical Preparatory Committee are held for a duration of 11 days. In addition, the following legislative organs and subsidiary bodies and their committee of experts are scheduled to meet: (a) intergovernmental committees of experts of the subregional Multinational Programming and Operational Centres (MULPOCs) (1997); (b) Ministerial Follow-up Committee of Fifteen of the Conference of African Ministers responsible for Human Development (1997); (c) Ministerial Follow-up Committee of Fifteen of the Conference of African Ministers responsible for Sustainable Development and the Environment (1997); (d) Conference of African Ministers of Finance, preceded by its Committee of Experts (1997); (e) Conference of African Ministers of Trade, Regional Economic Cooperation and Integration, preceded by its Committee of Experts (1997); (f) Conference of African Ministers of Transport and Communications, preceded by its Committee of Experts (1997); (g) Conference of African Ministers of Industry, preceded by its Committee of Experts (1997); (h) Conference of African Ministers responsible for Mineral Resources and Energy, preceded by its Committee of Experts (1997); (i) African Regional Conference for Science and Technology (1997); (j) Joint Conference of African Planners, Statisticians, Demographers and Information Specialists (1996); (k) Africa Regional Coordinating Committee for the Integration of Women in Development (1996 and 1997); and (l) United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Africa (1996).

15A.10 All the ministerial conferences and their preparatory committees of experts will meet for a total of eight days each, except for the Ministerial Follow-up Committee of the Conference of African Ministers responsible for Human Development and that of the African Ministers responsible for Sustainable Development and the Environment, which will meet for five days.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Other staff costs

15A.11 An amount of $529,200 would be required for interpreters and translators to service the sessions of the ECA Conference of Ministers. This amount also includes provisions in the amount of $48,400 for overtime.

Contractual services

15A.12 An estimated amount of $44,400 would be required for the publication of reports and studies.

General operating expenses and supplies and materials

15A.13 The estimated requirements of $114,800 relate to costs of communications ($85,800) and supplies and materials ($29,000) during the sessions of the ECA Conference of Ministers and subsidiary bodies.

B. Executive direction and management

Table 15A.6 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	2 391.3	2 719.5	848.3	31.1	3 567.8	335.0	3 902.8
Travel	102.3	160.4	(9.9)	(6.1)	150.5	18.9	169.4
Total	**2 493.6**	**2 879.9**	**838.4**	**29.1**	**3 718.3**	**353.9**	**4 072.2**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 estimates	Source of funds	1996-1997 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
575.6	310.0	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	310.0
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
4.1	—	United Nations Trust Fund for African Development	—
579.7	**310.0**		**310.0**
3 073.3	**3 189.9**		**4 382.2**

Table 15A.7 **Post requirements**

Executive direction and management

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	1	2	—	—	—	—	1	2
P-5	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
P-4/3	5	8	—	—	—	—	5	8
Total	**11**	**15**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**11**	**15**
Other categories								
Local level	11	11	—	—	—	—	11	11
Total	**11**	**11**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**11**	**11**
Grand total	**22**	**26**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**22**	**26**

15A.14 The Executive Secretary provides overall direction and leadership necessary for facilitating the integrated management of the programme of work of the Commission, including policy analysis, programme planning, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation. The Office of the Executive Secretary comprises his immediate staff, including the Deputy Executive Secretary, the Policy and Programme Coordination Office and the newly created unit for interorganizational and inter-agency affairs.

15A.15 The Office organizes and services meetings of policy-making organs and other high-level meetings of the Commission. It prepares parliamentary reports to policy-making organs on (a) development issues of interest to member States; (b) follow-up actions on relevant resolutions adopted by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly pertaining to Africa; (c) follow-up actions on resolutions adopted by the ECA Conference of Ministers; (d) issues arising from meetings of subsidiary organs and sectoral bodies of the Commission and calling for action by the ECA Conference of Ministers; (e) proposed modifications to the 1996-1997 programme of work and priorities; (f) proposed programme of work and priorities for the biennium 1998-1999; (g) proposed medium-term plan for 1998-2001; (h) evaluation of programmes at ECA; (i) reports to the intergovernmental committees of experts of the MULPOCs on the work programme and priorities for the biennium 1998-1999; (j) reports on the activities of the

Multidisciplinary Regional Advisory Group; (k) reports to the 1996 and 1997 sessions of the Council of Ministers and Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity (OAU).

15A.16 The additional activities incorporated under the Office of the Executive Secretary are consistent with the streamlined secretariat structure, which is intended to ensure a more integrated functioning of the Commission in dealing with various aspects of African development. In view of the multidisciplinary nature of some activities, more than one organizational unit of the Commission will be involved in their implementation, thus entailing increased involvement of the Office of the Executive Secretary, not only in the design, but also in the implementation of some substantive activities.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

15A.17 The estimated requirements of $3,567,800 relate to 16 Professional and 11 General Service (Local level) posts. It is proposed to redeploy one D-1, two P-4 and one P-3 to this Office from Development issues and policies (1 P-4; 1 P-3); Natural resources (1 D-1); and Poverty alleviation through sustainable development (1 P-4). The posts redeployed to this Office are intended to facilitate and strengthen policy design, coordination and implementation of programmes in a more integrated fashion.

Travel on official business

15A.18 An amount of $150,500, representing a decrease of $9,900, would be required for the Executive Secretary and the staff of his Office to attend and participate in meetings within and outside the region, and to consult with Governments and United Nations entities.

C. Programme of work

Table 15A.8 **Summary of requirements by programme**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Programme	1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 appropriations	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	1996-1997 estimates
			Amount	Percentage			
Development issues and policies	6 851.7	5 295.7	(1 683.9)	(31.7)	3 611.8	260.1	3 871.9
Trade, regional economic cooperation and integration	8 781.2	10 434.4	1 326.4	12.7	11 760.8	1 217.4	12 978.2
Poverty alleviation through sustainable development	4 959.6	5 018.9	643.4	12.8	5 662.3	548.2	6 210.5
Development administration and management	1 194.4	1 197.2	16.9	1.4	1 214.1	118.2	1 332.3
Human resources development and social transformation	1 230.0	2 131.9	(11.9)	(0.5)	2 120.0	115.1	2 235.1
Statistical and information systems development	3 231.7	2 740.3	(75.3)	(2.7)	2 665.0	265.0	2 930.0
Natural resources and energy development	3 023.1	3 859.3	(977.5)	(25.3)	2 881.8	249.5	3 131.3
Infrastructural and structural transformation	8 222.2	7 960.4	(2 282.7)	(28.6)	5 677.7	576.8	6 254.5
Women in development	649.4	878.2	476.0	54.2	1 354.2	131.1	1 485.3
Total	**38 143.3**	**39 516.3**	**(2 568.6)**	**(6.5)**	**36 947.7**	**3 481.4**	**40 429.1**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 estimates	Source of funds	1996-1997 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
536.7	34.2	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	34.2
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
12 492.4	1 793.9	UNDP	—
1 682.3	480.9	United Nations Trust Fund for African Development	—
3 468.8	2 311.6	UNFPA	2 632.1
1 790.5	2 687.0	FAO	—
1 546.6	1 769.7	Bilateral sources	2 294.3
21 517.3	**9 077.3**	**Total**	**4 960.6**
59 660.6	**48 593.6**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**45 389.7**

15A.19 The programme of work of the Commission is derived from programme 30, Regional cooperation for development in Africa, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised. The activities to be carried out in 1996-1997 will place special emphasis on the continued promotion of regional cooperation

and integration, environmental sustainability, social and human development, acceleration of infrastructural development and industrial transformation, empowerment of women, efficient management of natural resources for development, strengthening of national statistical and information management systems, capacity-building for improved agricultural policy and integration of population factors in development planning. Improving public sector management and supporting private sector development aimed at enabling them to play a catalytic role in realizing the various development priorities of member States will also be key features of the programme.

15A.20 Within the programme of work, the estimated percentage distribution of resources among the subprogrammes would be as follows:

	Regular budget	*Extra-budgetary*
	(percentage)	
Subprogramme 1 Development issues and policies	9.6	—
Subprogramme 2* Trade, regional economic cooperation and integration	32.1	—
Subprogramme 3* Poverty alleviation through sustainable development	15.4	0.4
Subprogramme 4 Development administration and management	3.3	—
Subprogramme 5* Human resources development and social transformation	5.5	—
Subprogramme 6 Statistical and information systems development	7.2	60.6
Subprogramme 7 Natural resources and energy development	7.7	—
Subprogramme 8 Infrastructural and structural transformation	15.5	2.9
Subprogramme 9* Women in development	3.7	36.1
Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

* High-priority subprogrammes.

Subprogramme 1
Development issues and policies

Table 15A.9 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	5 576.4	3 776.0	(1 560.2)	(41.3)	2 215.8	203.2	2 419.0
Other staff costs	5.9	94.2	(66.0)	(70.0)	28.2	3.8	32.0
Consultants and experts	79.6	157.5	(15.9)	(10.0)	141.6	17.1	158.7
Travel	163.3	269.2	(21.8)	(8.0)	247.4	31.5	278.9
Contractual services	24.4	56.4	(20.0)	(35.4)	36.4	4.5	40.9
Fellowships, grants, contributions	1 002.1	942.4	—	—	942.4	—	942.4
Total	**6 851.7**	**5 295.7**	**(1 683.9)**	**(31.7)**	**3 611.8**	**260.1**	**3 871.9**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
105.1	—	Bilateral sources	—
105.1	**—**		**—**
6 956.8	**5 295.7**		**3 871.9**

Table 15A.10 **Post requirements**

Development issues and policies

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	–
P-5	4	1	–	–	–	–	4	1
P-4/3	10	7	–	–	–	–	10	7
P-2/1	4	4	–	–	–	–	4	4
Total	**19**	**12**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	19	12
Other categories								
Local level	10	6	–	–	–	–	10	6
Total	**10**	**6**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	10	6
Grand total	**29**	**18**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**29**	**18**

15A.21 This subprogramme will address the need for the continuous promotion of the process of economic and social development and growth in Africa, with emphasis on a regional approach to development.

Activities

1. International cooperation

Liaison and cooperation on development issues and policies with African and non-African non-governmental organizations, regional and interregional bodies.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation.* Two reports to the ECA Conference of Ministers; four reports to the Conference of African Ministers of Finance; two reports to the Joint Conference of African Planners, Statisticians, Demographers and Information Specialists;

(b) *Substantive services.* (i) Ninth session of the Joint Conference of African Planners, Statisticians, Demographers and Information Specialists (1996); (ii) Conference of African Ministers of Finance (1997); (iii) Intergovernmental Group of Experts Preparatory to the Conference of African Ministers of Finance (1997);

(c) *Ad hoc expert group meetings.* (i) Critical development issues and socio-economic policies; (ii) exchange rate policies in the framework of the implementation of the Treaty establishing the African Economic Community.

3. Published material

(a) *Recurrent publications.* (i) *Survey of Economic and Social Conditions in Africa; (ii) Economic Bulletin for Africa;* (iii) review of the socio-economic development conditions of African least developed, land-locked and island developing countries; (iv) review of African countries external debt profile;

(b) *Non-recurrent publications.* (i) Africa's development strategies revisited; (ii) efficacy of monetary policies for macro-economic management in Africa; (iii) multimodal and transit transport and coastal resources management problems of African land-locked and island developing countries; (iv) study on the domestic debt problems of African countries; (v) study on adaptation of financial instruments and structures for promoting small- and medium-scale enterprises and enhancing their contribution to Africa's growth; (vi) study on policies and measures required to accelerate the process of monetary

and financial integration in Africa; (vii) study on exchange rate volatility in Africa in the context of liberalization of financial sectors and its economic and social implications; (viii) progress report on follow-up activities to the establishment of the African Monetary Fund.

4. Operational activities

Advisory services on strengthening of capabilities for national planning; support to African least developed, land-locked and island developing countries; adaptation of financial instruments and structures to support small- and medium-scale industry in strengthening monitoring and debt-management systems and promotion of development of capital markets; strengthening capacities of economic and development management training institutions.

5. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Participation in Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) task forces, United Nations project Link, inter-agency meetings, round tables and consultations on the least developed, land-locked and island developing countries.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

15A.22 The estimated resources of $2,215,800, reflecting a reduction of $1,560,200, relate to 12 Professional and six General Service (Local level) posts. The reductions result from the following proposals:

(a) Redeployment of one D-1, three P-5, two P-4, two P-3 and four General Service (Local level) posts to other subprogrammes in order to reflect the multidisciplinary approach adopted in carrying out the programme of work and the subsequent reorganization of the secretariat. These redeployments would be as follows: (i) one P-4 and one P-3 to Executive direction and management; (ii) one P-5 and four General Service (Local level) to Trade, regional economic cooperation and integration; (iii) one P-5 each to Human resources and social transformation and Statistical information systems development; (iv) one D-1 and one P-3 to Women in development; and (v) one P-4 to Programme support;

(b) The establishment of one new P-4 post through conversion of general temporary assistance, to strengthen the capacity of ECA to follow up on the implementation of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, as recommended by the General Assembly in its resolution 49/122.

Other staff costs

15A.23 The estimated requirements of $28,200 relate to general temporary assistance to engage national experts who would collect information for the preparation of the annual *Survey of Economic and Social Conditions in Africa*. The reduction of $66,000 results from the discontinuation of the provision for general temporary assistance resources approved by the Assembly for 1995 in connection with the follow-up to the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States.

Consultants and experts

15A.24 An amount of $141,600, reflecting a decrease of $15,900, would be required for fees of consultants to provide expertise in the preparation of a number of studies ($76,900) and for convening the expert group meetings described above ($64,700).

Travel on official business

15A.25 The estimated requirements of $247,400, reflecting a decrease of $21,800, relate to consultations and participation in meetings on least developed countries, external debt and other areas of work relevant to the subprogramme and for consultations with Governments and data collection.

Contractual services

15A.26 The proposed amount of $36,400, reflecting a decrease of $20,000, relates to the publication of the annual *Survey of Economic and Social Conditions in Africa* for 1993-1994 and 1995-1996 and *Economic Bulletin for Africa* (1996 and 1997).

Fellowships, grants, contributions

15A.27 The proposed grant of $942,400 provided to the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP) for 1994-1995 would be maintained for 1996-1997.

Subprogramme 2
Trade, regional economic cooperation and integration

Table 15A.11 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	7 531.5	8 441.6	1 305.3	15.4	9 746.9	963.6	10 710.5
Other staff costs	235.5	495.0	—	—	495.0	62.0	557.0
Consultants and experts	40.2	115.9	4.0	3.4	119.9	15.9	135.8
Travel	352.1	485.8	17.1	3.5	502.9	63.7	566.6
Contractual services	92.8	148.6	—	—	148.6	18.6	167.2
General operating expenses	348.0	495.3	—	—	495.3	62.1	557.4
Supplies and materials	105.0	156.1	—	—	156.1	19.7	175.8
Equipment	76.1	96.1	—	—	96.1	11.8	107.9
Total	**8 781.2**	**10 434.4**	**1 326.4**	**12.7**	**11 760.8**	**1 217.4**	**12 978.2**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
78.9	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
5 642.2	300.0	UNDP	—
416.2	—	UNTFAD	—
Total	**6 137.3**	**300.0**	—
Total (1) and (2)	**14 918.5**	**10 734.4**	**12 978.2**

Table 15A.12 **Post requirements**

Trade, regional economic cooperation and integration

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-1	6	6	—	—	—	—	6	6
P-5	7	8	—	—	—	—	7	8
P-4/3	20	25	—	—	—	—	20	25
P-2/1	7	6	—	—	1	—	8	6
Total	**40**	**45**	—	—	**1**	—	**41**	**45**
Other categories								
Local level	26	43	—	—	—	—	26	43
Total	**26**	**43**	—	—	—	—	**26**	**43**
Grand total	**66**	**88**	—	—	**1**	—	**67**	**88**

15A.28 This subprogramme will focus on promoting trade, regional cooperation and integration. Particular emphasis will be placed on the implementation of the Abuja Treaty establishing the African Economic Community, which came into force in May 1994. The first five-year phase, to be devoted to strengthening subregional economic communities, has begun. Efforts will also continue to be deployed to expand intraregional trade, promote tourism, accelerate the process of monetary and financial integration, enhance trade efficiency, facilitate horizontal and vertical diversification of exports and help subregional and regional intergovernmental organizations to rationalize and harmonize their sectoral and intersectoral development programmes at the subregional level. Steps will also be taken to strengthen the institutional and infrastructural capacities of member States, as well as the trade negotiating and marketing management skills of their officials, to enhance their competitiveness in the world economy.

Activities

1. International cooperation

Liaison and collaboration with national, subregional and international institutions dealing with money, finance, trade, tourism and investment issues, as well as subregional and regional organizations and associations dealing with regional cooperation and integration.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation.* Ten reports to the Conference of African Ministers responsible for Trade, Regional Economic Cooperation and Integration; 1 report to the Conference of Ministers of Transport and Communications on tourism development in Africa; 53 reports to the policy-making organs of the five MULPOCs;

(b) *Substantive services.* (i) Conference of African Ministers responsible for Trade, Regional Economic Cooperation and Integration and its Committee of Experts (1997); (ii) special session of the Conference of African Ministers responsible for Trade, Regional Economic Cooperation and Integration preparatory to the ninth session of UNCTAD (1996); (iii) seventh Session of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance and its Intergovernmental Group of Experts preparatory meeting (1997); (iv) five meetings of the MULPOC committees of experts (one in each subregion);

(c) *Ad hoc expert group meetings.* (i) Implications of the Uruguay Round agreements for economic cooperation and integration in Africa; (ii) organization and judicious exploitation of data on energy

in Eastern Africa; (iii) railway development and regional cooperation in West Africa; (iv) prospects for intraregional cooperation in river basin development in Central Africa.

3. Published material

(a) *Recurrent publications*. (i) Flash on trade opportunities; (ii) *African Trade Bulletin*; (iii) directory of ECA-sponsored institutions; (iv) directory of vocational training facilities for tourism professionals in Africa; (v) African tourism; (vi) *Women and Development* in Eastern Africa; (vii) small-scale food-processing technologies and their use in the rural areas of the Eastern Africa subregion; (viii) *Basic statistics on agriculture, forestry, natural resources and livestock in the countries of Eastern Africa*; (ix) activities of the ECA regional office for southern Africa (biennial); (x) directory of West African intergovernmental organizations; (xi) bulletin of West African intergovernmental organizations;

(b) *Non-recurrent publications (32)*. The strengthening of subregional economic communities; capacity-building for regional economic integration; trade development in the context of the current economic reforms; harmonization of subregional clearing-houses; national macroeconomic policy frameworks; tourism; trade in agricultural and livestock research programmes; assessment of the impact of current economic, monetary and financial reforms; harmonization of food security programmes; modernization and expansion of the agro-industrial sector; impact of the Uruguay Round agreement on trade in food production; desertification and the conservation of natural resources; impact of exchange rate fluctuations on the manufacturing sector; role of women in informal trade in general and in the economic development process; fishery resources in North Africa; subregional air links in Africa.

4. Information materials

Map on cultural tourism in Africa; brochures, pamphlets, fact sheets.

5. Operational activities

Advisory services on institutional strengthening and mobilization of resources for regional cooperation; tourism activities and products; financial and monetary integration; and international trade and financial negotiations; formulation and programming of projects in the areas of trade, economic cooperation and integration strengthening mining and mineral resources development and utilization; intraregional trade development.

6. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Liaison with UNCTAD, WTO and ITC.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

15A.29 The estimated requirements of $9,746,900 relate to 45 Professional and 43 General Service (Local level) posts. The increase in the number of posts is the net result of the proposed redeployment to and from this subprogramme of Professional and General Service (Local level) posts, as follows: (a) from Development issues and policies (1 P-5; 4 General Service (Local level)); Poverty alleviation through sustainable development (1 General Service (Local level)); Public administration and management (1 P-3); Natural resources and energy development (2 General Service (Local level)); Statistical and information systems development (1 P-3; 4 General Service (Local level)); and Infrastructural and structural transformation (1 P-4; 3 P-3; 6 General Service (Local level)); (b) on the other hand, 1 P-4 post and 1 P-2 post are proposed for redeployment to Programme support in order to strengthen activities related to recruitment, financial reporting and general support activities.

Other staff costs

15A.30 The estimated amount of $495,000 relates to (i) the recruitment of interpreters and translators for the sessions of the intergovernmental committees of the MULPOCs ($405,500); (ii) general temporary assistance for replacement of staff on sick and maternity leaves ($89,500).

Consultants and experts

15A.31 The estimated requirements of $119,900 relate to fees of consultants to provide specialized expertise required for the preparation of reports and studies ($70,100) to expert group meetings that will be organized under this subprogramme ($49,800).

Travel on official business

15A.32 The proposed provision in the amount of $502,900 would cover the travel cost of temporary staff who would service the sessions of the five MULPOC policy-making organs ($139,400); and the cost for consultations and participation in meetings relevant to the subprogramme to collect data ($363,500). The increase of $17,100 is due to the increased activities in the fields of trade, tourism and regional economic integration.

Contractual services

15A.33 The estimated requirements of $148,600 would cover the cost of translation and editing of MULPOC reports and documents.

General operating expenses

15A.34 The estimated requirements of $495,300 relate to rental and maintenance of premises ($15,300), utilities ($85,400), communications ($226,600), rental and maintenance of furniture and equipment ($103,000); and miscellaneous services ($65,000) for the MULPOC offices.

Supplies and materials, furniture and equipment

15A.35 An estimated amount of $252,200 would be required for supplies and materials ($156,100) and for furniture and equipment ($96,100) in the five MULPOCs.

Subprogramme 3
Poverty alleviation through sustainable development

Table 15A.13 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	4 787.3	4 665.5	623.4	13.3	5 288.9	498.0	5 786.9
Consultants and experts	49.9	118.7	8.8	7.4	127.5	17.5	145.0
Travel	122.4	234.7	11.2	4.7	245.9	32.7	278.6
Total	**4 959.6**	**5 018.9**	**643.4**	**12.8**	**5 662.3**	**548.2**	**6 210.5**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

	1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			(a) Services in support of:	
	—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
	98.1	20.8	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	20.8
	—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
			(c) Operational projects	
	658.6	740.3	UNDP	—
	461.2	145.2	UNTFAD	—
	1 790.5	2 687.0	FAO	—
	97.8	193.3	Bilateral sources	—
Total	**3 106.2**	**3 786.6**		**—**
Total (1) and (2)	**8 065.8**	**8 805.5**		**6 231.3**

Table 15A.14 **Post requirements**

Poverty alleviation through sustainable development

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	2	—	—	1	—	2	2
P-5	3	5	—	—	4	—	7	5
P-4/3	16	15	—	—	6	—	22	15
P-2/1	2	3	—	—	2	—	4	3
Total	**22**	**25**	**—**	**—**	**13**	**—**	**35**	**25**
Other categories								
Local level	16	15	—	—	6	1	22	16
Total	**16**	**15**	**—**	**—**	**6**	**1**	**22**	**16**
Grand total	**38**	**40**	**—**	**—**	**19**	**1**	**57**	**41**

15A.36 This subprogramme will continue to provide assistance to Member States to consolidate strategies and policies for promoting environmentally sustainable development; promote the integration of population factors in socio-economic development planning by strengthening national capacities for policy-making in these areas; advise on policy options for cost-effective and affordable housing to realize the goals of the Global Strategy for Shelter; and promote policy measures and strategies for sustainable agricultural development, with particular emphasis on food self-sufficiency and security.

15A.37 In the 1996-1997 biennium, the subprogramme's four-pronged focus on poverty alleviation will consist of assisting member States in implementing global and regional programmes on environment and development with special emphasis on strengthening their policy and institutional capacities; reorienting the population policies and actions in line with the Dakar/Ngor Declaration on Population, Family and Sustainable Development and the Programme of Action of the International Conference Population and Development; facilitating the implementation of national settlement policies aimed at balanced spatial distribution of population; supporting measures for strengthening capacity-building for improved agricultural planning and policy-making, exploitation of fisheries and non-conventional food resources,

improvement of support services like marketing, research, credit and extension; and post-conflict rehabilitation and reconstruction.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation.* Three reports to the ECA Conference of Ministers; four reports to the Committees of experts of the MULPOCs; four reports to the ninth session of the Joint Conference of African Planners, Statisticians, Population and Information Specialists; one report to the Ministerial Follow-up Committee of Fifteen of the Conference of African Ministers responsible for Sustainable Development and the Environment; annual report to the ECA Conference of Ministers on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States; one report on the preparatory process of Habitat II;

(b) *Substantive services.* Second meeting of the Follow-up Committee for the implementation of the Dakar/Ngor Declaration (1996); organization and substantive servicing of the Ministerial Follow-up Committee of Fifteen of the Conference of African Ministers responsible for Sustainable Development and the Environment (1997);

(c) *Technical (secretariat) services.* Regular session African Ministerial Conference on the Environment; meetings of its Bureau, its Committee on Ocean and Coastal Areas and its technical cooperation networks;

(d) *Ad hoc expert group meetings.* (i) Measures for increased production and utilization of non-conventional food resources as a source of food in Africa; (ii) measures pertaining to urban environmental health problems in ECA member States; (iii) economic instrument and related guidelines for environmental impact assessment.

2. Published material

(a) *Recurrent publications.* (i) *Rural Progress* (two issues); (ii) *Food and Agriculture in Africa* - Staff Paper (four issues); (iii) monograph on issues related to food, agriculture and rural development (four issues); (iv) *Demographic Handbook for Africa* (1997); (v) *African Population Newsletter*; (vi) African population studies series; (vii) ECA *Environment Newsletter*; (viii) fifth edition of the *Directory of African Environmental Experts* and list of institutions; (ix) bulletin on the situation of human settlements in Africa;

(b) *Non-recurrent publications (22).* Economic policy and institutional changes for use of environment-friendly technologies for sustainable agriculture and rural development in Africa; environmental statistics in Africa; fishing on the high seas; implementation of the Dakar/Ngor Declaration and the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, 1994; consequences of desertification; economic instruments and geographic information systems; population and human settlements; implementation of Agenda 21; promoting sustainable land-use planning and management; human resource development and capacity-building for rural settlement development.

3. Operational activities

Advisory services on rehabilitation and development of fisheries resources; food security programmes; institutional framework programmes and strategy for the implementation of environmental activities; implementation of Global Shelter Strategy to the Year 2000 and plans of action adopted by Habitat II.

4. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Collaboration with FAO, UNEP, UNDP, WFP and ACC task forces; the DPCSD and the DHA of the United Nations Secretariat; UNCHS (Habitat), World Bank, WHO, WMO, UNESCO, UNIDO and ILO.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

15A.38 The estimated amount of $5,288,900 relates to 25 Professional and 15 General Service (Local level) posts. The following Professional posts are proposed for redeployment to this subprogramme from: Infrastructural and structural transformation (1 D-1; 2 P-5) and Statistical and information systems development (1 P-2). On the other hand, one P-4 post and one General Service (Local level) post are proposed for redeployment from this subprogramme to Executive direction and management and trade, regional economic cooperation and integration, respectively.

Consultants and experts

15A.39 The estimated requirements of $127,500 relate to the fees of consultants to provide expertise in the preparation of specialized studies ($69,900) and for convening the three expert group meetings referred to above ($57,600).

Travel on official business

15A.40 The estimated requirements of $245,900 relate to participation in regional and international meetings, consultations, data collection and advisory services to Member States. The increase of $11,200 relates to attendance at the third session of the Preparatory Committee of Habitat II and the 1996 Conference.

Subprogramme 4
Development administration and management

Table 15A.15 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	1 140.3	1 110.8	36.4	3.2	1 147.2	109.5	1 256.7
Consultants and experts	17.1	29.4	(2.5)	(8.5)	26.9	3.6	30.5
Travel	37.0	57.0	(17.0)	(29.8)	40.0	5.1	45.1
Total	**1 194.4**	**1 197.2**	**16.9**	**1.4**	**1 214.1**	**118.2**	**1 332.3**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
1 042.5	—	UNDP	—
1 042.5	**—**	**Total**	**—**
2 236.9	**1 197.2**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**1 332.3**

Table 15A.16 **Post requirements**

Development administration and management

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-5	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-4/3	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
P-2/1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	**5**	**5**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**5**	**5**
Other categories								
Local level	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
Total	**3**	**3**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**3**	**3**
Grand total	**8**	**8**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**8**	**8**

15A.41 This subprogramme will place emphasis on fostering good governance and, to this end, will promote accountability, responsibility and responsiveness in administration as well as contribute to the introduction of standards of public service ethics through professional societies. It will also promote the enhancement of the efficiency of African public services sector through the use of modern methods of management. Assistance will be provided to member States so as to promote the diffusion of political and administrative power through decentralized structures and other arrangements. Steps will be taken to assist member States in formulating and adopting policies that eliminate constraints and foster the development of entrepreneurship in the private sector and to strengthen the development of efficient management in the private sector.

15A.42 In the field of public finance, the programme will continue to lay stress on the need to enhance the efficiency of the African public sector through autonomy and accountability of tax administration, improving tax reforms for investment and enhancing capability for public expenditure planning.

Activities

1. International cooperation

Facilitation of inter- and intraregional cooperation among professional management and finance associations and institutions in the design and delivery of public sector management development and support programmes; participation in the board as well as professional meetings of such institutions as the Eastern and Southern Africa Management Institute, the African Training and Research Centre in Administration for Development, African Association for Public Administration and Management, Association of African Tax Administrators and International Union of Local Governments.

2. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation. Report the Conference of Ministers responsible for human development on trends in the management of human resources in public administration in Africa.

3. Published material

(a) *Recurrent publication. Revised Roster of African Taxation Experts;*

(b) *Non-recurrent publications.* (i) Role of local government in enhancing popular participation; (ii) politics and administrative efficiency in Africa; (iii) strengthening institutional mechanisms for effective management of privatization programmes in Africa; (iv) accountability in the management

of public enterprises; (v) enhancing autonomy and accountability in African tax administration: assessment of the impact on tax revenue performance; (vi) relationships between taxation regimes and investments in Africa; (vii) enhancing the capacity for public expenditure planning and forecasting for improving public sector management in Africa; (viii) measures for enhancing interface between Governments, university/research institutes and private sector in developing the capacity of small- and medium-scale enterprises.

4. Operational activities

Advisory services on various aspects of national and administrative development.

5. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Participation in ACC inter-agency working group meetings on the future work programme and activities in the field of public administration and finance and in the biennial meeting of experts on the United Nations programmes in public administration and finance.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

15A.43 The estimated requirements of $1,147,200 relate to five Professional and three General Service (Local level) posts. One P-4 post is proposed for redeployment to this subprogramme from Human resources development and social transformation, while one P-3 post is redeployed from this subprogramme to Trade, regional economic cooperation and integration.

Consultants and experts

15A.44 The estimated requirements of $26,900, representing a decrease of $2,500, relate to the fees of consultants to assist in the preparation of specialized case-studies.

Travel on official business

15A.45 The estimated requirements of $40,000, representing a decrease of $17,000, relate to travel of staff for consultations, collection of data and servicing of workshops and to undertake advisory services and participate in meetings relevant to the work programme.

Subprogramme 5
Human resources development and social transformation

Table 15A.17 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	1 055.0	1 798.9	(22.0)	(1.2)	1 776.9	97.0	1 873.9
Consultants and experts	4.5	45.4	10.1	22.2	55.5	7.3	62.8
Travel	27.1	82.8	—	—	82.8	10.8	93.6
Fellowships, grants, contributions	143.4	204.8	—	—	204.8	—	204.8
Total	**1 230.0**	**2 131.9**	**(11.9)**	**(0.5)**	**2 120.0**	**115.1**	**2 235.1**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

	1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			(a) Services in support of:	
	—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
	—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
	—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
			(c) Operational projects	
	779.5	337.7	UNDP	—
Total	**779.5**	**337.7**		**—**
Total (1) and (2)	**2 009.5**	**2 469.6**		**2 235.1**

Table 15A.18 **Post requirements**

Human resources development and social transformation

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
P-5	1	2	—	—	—	—	1	2
P-4/3	6	5	—	—	—	—	6	5
P-2/1	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
Total	**9**	**9**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**9**	**9**
Other categories								
Local level	7	5	—	—	5	—	12	5
Total	**7**	**5**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**12**	**5**
Grand total	**16**	**14**	**—**	**—**	**5**	**—**	**21**	**14**

15A.46 The subprogramme will place emphasis on building and strengthening critical capacities in Africa in the areas of human and social development through the promotion of development policies and strategies that are consistent with issues and concerns as articulated in the ECA Framework Agenda for Building and Utilizing Critical Capacities in Africa and the African Common Position on Human and Social Development in Africa. The subprogramme will continue to focus on providing assistance to member States in the planning, development and utilization of human resources and through technical publications supported by seminars, workshops, meetings and conferences organized at the national, subregional and regional levels.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*. Report to the Ministerial Follow-up Committee of Fifteen and to the second meeting of the Conference of African Ministers responsible for Human Development;

(b) *Substantive services*. Meeting of the Ministerial Follow-up Committee of Fifteen of the Conference of African Ministers responsible for Human Development (biennial);

(c) *Ad hoc expert group meetings.* (i) Measures to enhance capacities for regional cooperation in preparation and production of textbooks and instructional materials for institutions of higher learning in Africa; (ii) measures for combating crime in the public sector in African countries.

2. *Published material*

(a) *Recurrent publications.* (i) *People First;* (ii) trends and issues in human resources planning, development and utilization in Africa on topical issues, strategies and policies; (iii) *Training Information Notice;* (iv) report on human development in Africa;

(b) *Non-recurrent publications.* (i) Perspectives and new approaches in training of teacher trainers for peace and reconciliation; (ii) methods and techniques of non-formal education for fostering peace, national reconciliation and cohesion; (iii) employment and youth in Africa: emerging trends and strategies; (iv) public sector reforms and retrenchment: trends in the generation of alternative employment opportunities; (v) the implementation of an integrated approach to human resources development and utilization by African countries: an assessment; (vi) training manual on the application of labour market analysis in planning human resources policies and programmes; (vii) youth in national post-conflict reconstruction and rehabilitation: towards a proactive role; (viii) poverty and the African family: measures for alleviation; (ix) enhancing the interface between people's organizations and government; (x) promoting employment generation potentials of the informal sector: selected country case-studies; (xi) the AIDS pandemic and its implications for human development and utilization in Africa; (xii) displaced persons in Africa: profile of a regional predicament; (xiii) strengthening the capacity of people's organizations for advocacy in policy formulation and implementation; (xiv) gender gap in health: barriers, benefits, and policies in selected African countries.

3. *Coordination, harmonization and liaison*

Participation in and collaboration with education and training programmes, human resources planning, development and utilization organized by UNESCO, UNICEF, ILO, the World Bank, UNDP, the United Nations Office at Vienna, the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the Department of Humanitarian Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

15A.47 The estimated requirements of $1,776,900 relate to nine Professional and five General Service (Local level) posts. One P-5 post is proposed for redeployment to this subprogramme from the subprogramme on Development issues and policies, while one P-4 and two General Service (Local level) are redeployed from this subprogramme to Development administration and management and Women in development, respectively.

Consultants and experts

15A.48 The estimated requirements of $55,500, representing an increase of $10,100, relate to the fees of consultants to provide expertise in the preparation of specialized case-studies and prepare country reports ($12,200) and for the convening of expert group meetings ($43,300).

Travel on official business

15A.49 The estimated requirements of $82,800 relate to consultations, collection of data and travel to service workshops and seminars, undertake advisory services and participate in relevant meetings, within and outside the region.

Grants and contributions

15A.50 The estimated requirements of $204,800 relate to the grant to the African Regional Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders appropriated by the General Assembly for the 1994-1995 biennium in order to alleviate the financial difficulties being experienced by the Institute.

Subprogramme 6
Statistical and information systems development

Table 15A.19 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	3 157.9	2 640.3	(88.1)	(3.3)	2 552.2	250.6	2 802.8
Consultants and experts	0.8	9.9	12.8	129.2	22.7	2.8	25.5
Travel	26.7	33.7	—	—	33.7	4.6	38.3
Contractual services	46.3	56.4	—	—	56.4	7.0	63.4
Total	**3 231.7**	**2 740.3**	**(75.3)**	**(2.7)**	**2 665.0**	**265.0**	**2 930.0**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
25.2	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	—
598.3	—	UNDP	—
3 468.8	2 311.6	UNFPA	2 632.1
766.6	1 035.8	Bilateral sources	771.5
4 858.9	**3 347.4**	**Total**	**3 403.6**
8 090.6	**6 087.7**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**6 333.6**

Table 15A.20 **Post requirements**

Statistical and information systems development

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-5	1	2	—	—	10	9	11	11
P-4/3	8	8	—	—	3	1	11	9
P-2/1	2	—	—	—	1	1	3	1
Total	**12**	**11**	**—**	**—**	**14**	**11**	**26**	**22**
Other categories								
Local level	16	12	—	—	6	1	22	13
Total	**16**	**12**	**—**	**—**	**6**	**1**	**22**	**13**
Grand total	**28**	**23**	**—**	**—**	**20**	**12**	**48**	**35**

15A.51 The subprogramme will address the need to build national and subregional capacity for developing statistical information management systems as well as for improving the quality and exchangeability of data and other information. Emphasis will be placed on the generation of relevant and timely quantitative and other development information targeted to priority concerns in planning for social and economic development and the environment.

15A.52 Activities under this subprogramme will therefore continue to be directed at (a) strengthening information systems and capabilities of African countries; (b) providing the necessary information support; and (c) assisting in the development of viable information systems and networks. These activities would contribute to further examination of conceptual, organizational and management issues with regard to statistical and information development. The expected results include better quality, relevance and improved timeliness of data and other information for planning and decision-making, as well as enhanced harmonization and standardization of concepts and definitions. The activities aim at furthering the process of building national expertise, in particular, through published materials and advisory missions with emphasis on on-the-job training. These activities are expected to improve intercountry comparability of data and other development information.

Activities

1. International cooperation

(a) *Depository services.* Negotiation of 10 participating centres' agreements for the exchange of development information and adoption of information compatibility norms and standards with national and institutional participating centres in the Pan-African Development Information System (PADIS) network;

(b) *External relations.* Cooperation with national, subregional, regional and international intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations on the promotion of norms and standards for the exchange of development information and the development of statistical data.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation.* One report to the ECA Conference of Ministers; eight reports to the Conference of African Planners, Statisticians and Population and Information Specialists;

(b) *Substantive servicing*. Substantive servicing of the Conference of African Planners, Statisticians and Demographers and Information Specialists (biennial);

(c) *Technical (secretariat) services*. Four reports and servicing of meetings of subregional technical committees of PADIS on progress in development systems activities and work programmes for subregional development information systems in the respective subregions.

3. Published material

(a) *Recurrent publications*. (i) *Statistical Newsletter*; (ii) *Africa in Figures*; (iii) *Intra-African Trade Statistics*; (iv) *African Statistical Yearbook*, volumes I and II; (v) *African Compendium of Environment Statistics*; (vi) Directory of statistical data-processing capacities and databases in Africa; (vii) bulletin on development information systems in Africa; (viii) directory of the national and institutional participating centres in the PADIS network; (ix) promotional materials for commemoration of African Statistics Day;

(b) *Non-recurrent publications*. (i) Possible alternative approaches to population censuses in Africa; (ii) national experiences in the formulation of statistical development plans; (iii) availability, estimation and management of data in African countries: selected issues; (iv) new modes of statistical data capture, dissemination and distribution; (v) manual for databases on African experts; (vi) manual for databases on African development institutions; (vii) authority file for African development institutions;

(c) *Technical material*. (i) Integrated computer printouts of annual economic, social and environmental indicators; (ii) development, maintenance and dissemination of computerized databases: a. bibliographic computerized database on economic, social and scientific and technical aspects of Africa (ongoing); b. computerized database of references on African experts in social and economic, scientific and technical aspects of development in Africa (ongoing); (iii) statistical annex to the Survey of Economic and Social Conditions in Africa; (iv) development, maintenance and dissemination of ECA multisectoral statistical database (ongoing); (v) dissemination of development information management software and databases to member States, subregional and regional institutions (ongoing); (vi) CD-ROM of African development information (XB).

4. Information material and services

Information material. (i) Statistical wall charts and graphs; (ii) query/response service on development information in Africa; (iii) brochures and pamphlets on development information management in Africa and commemoration of Africa; Development Information Day.

5. Operational activities

(a) Advisory services. Support to programmes on the acquisition and utilization of information technology; establishment and strengthening of electronic information networks; creation, management and development of information systems; promotion of norms and standards for information compatibility in Africa; statistical development and training at the national, subregional and regional levels; development and maintenance of national statistical databases (two missions); applying the 1993 System of National Accounts (SNA) and improving the quality of the basic economic statistics policy formulation;

(b) *Group training*. Workshops on development information management techniques, PADIS methodologies and standardization; building national capacities for the utilization of information technology; compilation of public sector accounts in the framework of the 1993 SNA; environmental accounting for selected African countries;

(c) *Field projects*. Enhancing the development information management capability of member States; promoting information access and exchange in the Africa region (continuous).

6. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Coordination with United Nations agencies and ACC task forces working in the statistics and development information fields in Africa; participation in the coordination and implementation of the phase II development of the United Nations Economic and Social Information System (UNESIS).

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

15A.53 The estimated requirements of $2,552,200 relate to 11 Professional and 12 General Service (Local level) posts. Two Professional posts are proposed to be redeployed to this subprogramme from: Development issues and policies (1 P-5) and Infrastructural and structural development (1 P-4). On the other hand, three Professional and four General Service (Local level) posts will be redeployed from this subprogramme to Trade, economic cooperation and integration (1 P-3; 4 General Service (Local level)); Poverty alleviation through sustainable development (1 P-2) and Programme support (1 P-2).

Consultants and experts

15A.54 An estimated amount of $22,700 would be required for consultants to provide expertise in a number of specialized areas of work, such as methods of compiling of public sector accounts within the framework of the 1993 SNA; indicators for monitoring and the evaluation of statistical capacity in African countries, etc.

Travel on official business

15A.55 The estimated requirements of $33,700 relate to travel for consultation, the collection of data and advisory services.

Contractual services

15A.56 An estimated $56,400 would be required for external printing for a number of publications under this subprogramme.

Subprogramme 7
Natural resources and energy development

Table 15A.21 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	2 838.6	3 549.9	(915.9)	(25.8)	2 634.0	216.6	2 850.6
Consultants and experts	83.1	144.5	(49.2)	(34.0)	95.3	12.7	108.0
Travel	99.1	143.7	(12.4)	(8.6)	131.3	17.0	148.3
Contractual services	2.3	21.2	—	—	21.2	3.2	24.4
Total	**3 023.1**	**3 859.3**	**(977.5)**	**(25.3)**	**2 881.8**	**249.5**	**3 131.3**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 estimates	Source of funds	1996-1997 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
174.7	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
209.4	140.3	UNTFAD	—
Total	**384.1**	**140.3**	—
Total (1) and (2)	**3 407.2**	**3 999.6**	**3 131.3**

Table 15A.22 **Post requirements**

Natural resources and energy development

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997
Professional category and above								
D-1	2	1	—	—	—	—	2	1
P-5	5	4	—	—	—	—	5	4
P-4/3	8	6	—	—	—	—	8	6
P-2/1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
Total	**15**	**11**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**—**	**16**	**11**
Other categories								
Local level	11	9	—	—	2	—	13	9
Total	**11**	**9**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**—**	**13**	**9**
Grand total	**26**	**20**	**—**	**—**	**3**	**—**	**29**	**20**

15A.57 This subprogramme will focus on the formulation of national, subregional and regional policies and strategies leading to the implementation of programmes for the sustainable development of natural resources (water, minerals and non-living marine resources) and energy in Africa. Regional and subregional cooperation will be promoted to enhance the capacities and capabilities for rational development and management of natural resources and energy in the region. In addition, efforts will also be made to facilitate deregulation and privatization of State-owned and parastatal enterprises dealing with natural resources and energy sectors. The subprogramme also covers activities in cartography and remote-sensing, which will be oriented towards the development and strengthening of institutional, technological and human capabilities in data acquisition and their analysis and utilization for natural resources and energy development and management.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation.* Two reports to the Conference of African Ministers responsible for Mineral Resources Development and Utilization and Energy; and the Ninth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Africa;

(b) *Substantive services.* Conference of African Ministers responsible for Mineral Resources Development and Utilization and Energy; Ninth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Africa. The Conference takes place every three years and the next one is planned for 1996;

(c) *Ad hoc expert group meeting.* Guidelines for natural resources and energy development in Africa with emphasis on privatization and deregulation.

2. Published material

(a) *Recurrent publications.* Information bulletin on water resources activities in Africa; cartography and remote-sensing bulletin for Africa;

(b) *Non-recurrent publications.* (i) Privatization and the African minerals and energy industries in Africa; (ii) promoting the mobilization of domestic resources for the development of Africa's mineral resources and energy; (iii) problems and prospects for large-scale irrigation development in Africa; (iv) directory of national, subregional and regional water resources institutions in African countries, with emphasis on specific capabilities for technical cooperation among developing countries (TCDC); (v) mapping and land information system; (vi) status of natural resources and environmental baseline information in Africa, with emphasis on the role of the private sector; (vii) case study of policies for promoting sustainable energy economy in South Africa; (viii) role of renewable energy technologies in the energy efficiency and conservation programmes in selected African countries; (ix) challenges and benefits of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea for land-locked countries in Africa; (x) study on technological capability status and requirements for the development of non-living marine resources in Africa;

(c) *Technical material.* Third phase of digital cartographic inventory atlas (annual); first phase of the atlas of natural resources and energy in Africa.

3. Information materials and services

Promotional materials on World Day for Water; production of exhibits and other visual materials, charts, posters on natural resources and energy and various ECA activities on an ad hoc basis, in cooperation with other Divisions.

4. Operational activities

Advisory services on the operationalization of the newly equipped laboratories; development of the infrastructures of Central African Mineral Resources Development Centre; the establishment of the West African Mineral Resources Development Centre; promotion of cooperation in the field of mineral resources development; the development and management of marine resources in Africa.

5. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Cooperation and collaboration with the other United Nations organizations and specialized agencies, including participation in the relevant meetings of ACC machinery in the field of natural resources and energy; participation in intergovernmental meetings on energy; water and minerals.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

15A.58 The estimated requirements of $2,634,000 relate to 11 Professional and 9 General Service (Local level) posts. Four Professional and two General Service (Local level) posts are proposed for redeployment to Executive direction (1 D-1); Trade, regional economic cooperation and integration (2 General Service (Local level)) and Programme support (1 P-5; 1 P-4; 1 P-3) in order to strengthen the management of technical cooperation, particularly the aspect of project development, management and resource mobilization.

Consultants and experts

15A.59 An estimated amount of $95,300, representing a decrease of $49,200, would be required for the fees of consultants to provide specialized expertise in the fields of mineral resources, water, energy and marine affairs for the preparation of documents and reports to policy-making organs as well as publications that will be prepared under this subprogramme ($69,300); and for convening one expert group meeting on the

finalization of guidelines for natural resources and energy development in Africa with emphasis on privatization and deregulation ($26,000).

Travel on official business

15A.60 It is estimated that a provision of $131,300, reflecting a decrease of $12,400, would be required for travel of staff to participate in coordination meetings with other United Nations bodies in the fields of minerals, energy, water and cartography and remote sensing, such as the Committee on Natural Resources, the ACC Inter-secretariat Group for Water, the Scientific Marine Affairs Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and other bodies of the United Nations; and for their travel on official missions to member States for consultations and the collection of information for technical publications and studies.

Contractual services

15A.61 The estimated amount of $21,200 would be required for the external printing of publications dealing with the various aspects of natural resources and energy development in Africa.

Subprogramme 8
Infrastructural and structural transformation

Table 15A.23 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	7 476.3	6 736.7	(2 172.5)	(32.2)	4 564.2	429.7	4 993.9
Other salary costs	73.3	179.1	—	—	179.1	24.8	203.9
Consultants and experts	251.0	430.8	(50.4)	(11.6)	380.4	51.0	431.4
Travel	421.6	613.8	(59.8)	(9.7)	554.0	71.3	625.3
Total	**8 222.2**	**7 960.4**	**(2 282.7)**	**(28.6)**	**5 677.7**	**576.8**	**6 254.5**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
122.1	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
3 384.7	365.9	UNDP	—
440.3	195.4	United Nations Trust Fund for African Development	—
194.3	257.6	Bilateral sources	150.0
4 141.4	**818.9**		**150.0**
12 363.6	**8 779.3**		**6 404.5**

Table 15A.24 **Post requirements**

Infrastructural and structural transformation

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-1	2	1	—	—	—	—	2	1
P-5	8	6	—	—	—	—	8	6
P-4/3	21	14	—	—	—	—	21	14
P-2/1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
Total	**31**	**21**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**—**	32	21
Other categories								
Local level	17	11	—	—	7	3	24	14
Total	**17**	**11**	**—**	**—**	**7**	**3**	**24**	**14**
Grand total	**48**	**32**	**—**	**—**	**8**	**3**	**56**	**35**

15A.62 The subprogramme will focus on the expansion and efficient utilization of physical and industrial infrastructure essential for sustained economic growth and transformation. Emphasis will be placed on assisting member States in implementing the programmes of the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa and the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa. An important feature of the activities in this subprogramme will be active support and encouragement for increased private sector involvement in the development of infrastructure and the human and technological capacity to operate and maintain economic infrastructure.

15A.63 Efforts will also be made to assess fully and establish the link between science and technology policy and the social and economic policies within African countries. The involvement of national stake-holders in the formulation and implementation of policies will be strengthened.

15A.64 During the 1996-1997 biennium, steps will be taken to giving practical expression to the recommendations made in the earlier bienniums, especially in the areas of linking science and technology to the social and economic imperatives in member States. Special emphasis will be placed on formulating and implementing social and economic policies that are more supportive of capacity-building in science and technology, the formulation of appropriate legislation to implement these policies and the training of entrepreneurs who can take advantage of the existing knowledge in science and technology.

Activities

1. International cooperation

Cooperation and collaboration with relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in the implementation of subregional and regional projects, in the fields of science and technology and industrial cooperation in the context of the Abuja Treaty establishing the African Economic Community and the programme of the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation.* Two reports to the General Assembly on the implementation of the Second United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa; eight reports to the Conference of African Ministers of Transport and Communications; six reports to the African Regional Conference on Science and Technology; four reports to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of African Ministers of Industry;

(b) *Substantive services*. (i) Eleventh meeting of the Conference of African Ministers of Transport and Communications, including the expert meeting (biennial); (ii) second meeting of the African Regional Conference on Science and Technology (biennial); (iii) thirteenth meeting of the Conference of African Ministers of Industry (biennial); (iv) meeting of the Bureau of the Conference of African Ministers of Industry (annual);

(c) *Ad hoc expert group meetings*. (i) Restructuring parastatal organizations and governmental institutions in the field of transport and communications: approaches and lessons from experiences in Africa; (ii) sample legislations for implementation of science and technology policy; (iii) measures to enhance entrepreneurial capacity to exploit science and technology; (iv) the study of institutions and modalities for promoting the financing of small and cottage industries in Africa; (v) measures to consolidate privatization of the African industrial subsector, with particular emphasis to the programme of the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa; (vi) proposals for standardization and quality control of industrial products in the context of the Abuja Treaty; (vii) evaluation of the implementation of the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa to propose adjustments for the programmes.

3. Published material

(a) *Recurrent publications*. (i) Newsletters on the Second United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa; (ii) report on the implementation of projects of the Second United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa; (iii) focus on African industry; (iv) directory of project profiles for small-scale industries;

(b) *Non-recurrent publications*. Participation of the private sector in transport and communications operations in Africa; environmental issues in transport and tourism sectors; road safety; assessment of implementation of international transit facilitation along selected transport corridors in Africa; science and technology; entrepreneurship development for small- and medium-scale industries; venture capital in Africa's industrialization; Uruguay Round agreements and their implications for Africa's industrialization; guidelines, legal procedures and modalities for negotiations and investment promotion of African multinational industrial projects and enterprises; pharmaceutical industry based on medicinal plants; petrochemical industries in Africa; sugar production and processing involving the small- and medium-scale entrepreneurs; the role of Governments in facilitating private-sector investment in the mineral-based and metallurgical industries; preparation of protocol on industry of the Treaty establishing the African Common Market; private sector involvement of manufacturing industries for road and railway transport equipment, machinery, plant and components; the production and use of essential ingredients based on private-sector industries in Africa;

(c) *Technical material*. Establishment of a database and network for African industrial and technological information and performance monitoring data; establishment of an African regional network on agro-chemicals and agricultural machinery.

4. Operational activities

Advisory services on transport coordination and improvement of services; science and technology development and application; the promotion of national and multinational industrial programmes in the context of the programme of the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa and the Abuja Treaty establishing the African Economic Community.

5. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Coordination and collaboration with UNIDO, UNCTAD, UNDP, ICAO, ILO, IMO, World Bank, ITU and other regional commissions.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

15A.65 The estimated requirements of $4,564,200 relate to 21 Professional and 11 General Service (Local level) posts. A total of 10 Professional and 6 General Service (Local level) posts are proposed for redeployment from this subprogramme to Trade, regional economic cooperation and integration (1 P-4; 3 P-3 and

6 General Service (Local level); Poverty alleviation through sustainable development (1 D-1, 2 P-5); Statistical and information systems development (1 P-4); and Programme support (2 P-3).

Other staff costs

15A.66 The estimated requirements of $179,100 relate to temporary assistance for meetings for the recruitment of interpreters and translators for the special meetings on to the Second Transport and Communications and the Industrial Development Decades ($89,600); and general temporary assistance to recruit resource persons to prepare detailed research studies and progress reports on the implementation of the Second Transport and Communications Decade, the implementation of the Yamoussoukro Declaration and the programmes of the Second Industrial Development Decade ($89,500).

Consultants and experts

15A.67 The estimated requirements of $380,400, representing a decrease of $50,400, relate to the fees of consultants to provide expertise in the field of transport and communications to be used for preparation of specialized technical publications ($240,900) and for convening the expert group meetings referred to above ($139,500).

Travel on official business

15A.68 An amount of $554,000, representing a decrease of $59,800, would be required to cover the cost of travel of staff within and outside the region to participate in meetings related to the Second Transport and Industrial Development Decades, such as the Conference of African Ministers of Transport and Communications; the Inter-Agency Coordinating Committee, the Resource Mobilization Committee and sectoral and subregional meetings of the Second Transport and Communications Decade; African consumers organizations and experts of the chambers of commerce and civil aviation on the establishment of an air transport users association; and transport and communications forum, ($85,300); and for travel on official missions to African member States in order to provide advisory services and collect information for technical publications and studies as well as to undertake activities relating to implementation of the Second Transport and Communications Decade ($468,700).

Subprogramme 9
Women in development

Table 15A.25 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	578.2	791.2	475.3	60.0	1 266.5	119.7	1 386.2
Consultants and experts	46.3	30.5	7.3	23.9	37.8	5.1	42.9
Travel	24.9	39.9	10.0	25.0	49.9	6.3	56.2
General operating expenses	—	16.6	(16.6)	(100.0)	—	—	—
Total	**649.4**	**878.2**	**476.0**	**54.2**	**1 354.2**	**131.1**	**1 485.3**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

	1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			(a) Services in support of:	
	—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
	37.7	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
	—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
			(c) Operational projects	
	386.6	—	UNDP	—
	155.2	—	United Nations Trust Fund for African Development	—
	382.8	296.4	Bilateral sources	2 027.8
Total	**962.3**	**296.4**		**2 027.8**
Total (1) and (2)	**1 611.7**	**1 174.6**		**3 513.1**

Table 15A.26 **Post requirements**

Women in development

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
P-5	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-4/3	2	3	—	—	—	4	2	7
P-2/1	1	1	—	—	1	4	2	5
Total	**4**	**6**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**8**	**5**	**14**
Other categories								
Local level	2	4	—	—	1	—	3	4
Total	**2**	**4**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**—**	**3**	**4**
Grand total	**6**	**10**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**8**	**8**	**18**

15A.69 The subprogramme will seek to facilitate implementation of the commitments in the regionally and internationally agreed plans and strategies for the advancement of women. At the regional level, these are the Abuja Declaration and the African Platform for Women. At the international level, these will include the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies as well as the document that will emerge from the Fourth World Conference on Women.

15A.70 In the 1996-1997 biennium, emphasis will be put on the continued empowerment of women in the economic, political and legal sectors. This will be carried out by strengthening and utilizing existing institutions; broad sensitization of targeted groups through workshops, seminars and media campaigns; and appropriate mechanisms to enhance the participation of women in the peace process.

Activities

1. International cooperation

Liaison and collaboration with units dealing with gender and development issues in OAU, the African Development Bank (AfDB), intergovernmental organizations, bilateral and multilateral development agencies and non-governmental organizations.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*. Two reports to the Conference of Ministers responsible for Economic and Social Development and Planning; four reports to the Africa Regional Coordinating Committee for the Integration of Women in Development (ARCC);

(b) *Substantive services*. Servicing of ARCC (annual);

(c) *Ad hoc expert group meeting*. Peace education and the involvement of women in the peace process in connection with the Kampala Action Plan for Women, Peace and Development.

3. Published material

(a) *Recurrent publications*. Africa Centre for Women Update; roster of African women experts; and African Women Report;

(b) *Non-recurrent publications*. (i) Composite study of cultural and traditional practices that are harmful to the girl-child; (ii) manual for gender training; (iii) indicators for gender-responsive policies, plans, programmes and activities; (iv) manual for legal literacy training.

4. Operational activities

(a) *Advisory services*. Implementation of the African Platform for Action; assistance to women entrepreneurs by facilitating the creation of services such as business advisory services in collaboration with existing institutions;

(b) *Group training*. Training of trainers workshop on the creation and expansion of legal literacy services with special focus on violence against women; seminar for women specialists in finance and banking on women's access to financial resources;

(c) *Field projects*. Promotion of literacy in relation to women's legal and human rights with a special focus on victims of violence against women; strategies for enhancing the economic empowerment of women in Africa, including entrepreneurial skills development, through the creation of business advisory services in the formal and informal sectors; measures to enhance women's roles and contributions to sustainable management of the environment and natural resources in Africa in line with the recommendations contained in chapter 24 of Agenda 21.

5. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Coordination and liaison with the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW), United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), United Nations specialized agencies and the United Nations Secretariat.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

15A.71 The estimated requirements of $1,266,500 relate to six Professional and four General Service (Local level) posts. Two Professional posts and two General Service (Local level) posts are proposed for redeployment to this subprogramme from Development issues and policies (one D-1 and one P-3) and Human resources development and social transformation (two General Service (Local level)).

Consultants and experts

15A.72 An amount of $37,800, representing an increase of $7,300, would be required to engage consultants to provide expertise in the preparation of reports and manuals ($14,700) and for organizing one expert group meeting ($23,100).

Travel on official business

15A.73 The estimated requirements of $49,900, representing an increase of $10,000, relate to participation in regional and international meetings, consultations, data collection for technical publications and advisory missions.

D. Programme support

Table 15A.27 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	17 271.7	16 542.1	1 607.9	9.7	18 150.0	2 058.5	20 208.5
Other staff costs	1 166.8	1 683.5	(48.2)	(2.8)	1 635.3	205.5	1 840.8
Travel	244.0	401.9	(22.6)	(5.6)	379.3	48.0	427.3
Contractual services	871.0	1 261.7	—	—	1 261.7	158.9	1 420.6
General operating expenses	2 988.1	4 479.5	480.0	10.7	4 959.5	621.0	5 580.5
Supplies and materials	1 222.2	2 112.0	(100.0)	(4.7)	2 012.0	252.5	2 264.5
Equipment	525.8	1 047.7	200.0	19.0	1 247.7	156.2	1 403.9
Total	**24 289.6**	**27 528.4**	**2 117.1**	**7.6**	**29 645.5**	**3 500.6**	**33 146.1**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
1 527.2	1 604.0	(i) United Nations Organizations	1 628.3
1 770.0	561.2	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	561.2
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
294.7	308.5	Bilateral sources	285.8
3 591.9	**2 473.7**		**2 475.3**
27 881.5	**30 002.1**		**35 621.4**

Table 15A.28 **Post requirements**

Programme support

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-1	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
P-5	7	8	1	—	1	—	9	8
P-4/3	34	42	1	—	2	3	37	45
P-2/1	12	14	—	—	1	1	13	15
Total	**55**	**66**	**2**	**—**	**4**	**4**	**61**	**70**
Other categories								
Local level	257	260	2	—	23	26	282	286
Field Service	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
Total	**260**	**263**	**2**	**—**	**23**	**26**	**285**	**289**
Grand total	**315**	**329**	**4**	**—**	**27**	**30**	**346**	**359**

15A.74 Programme support in ECA consists of conference and library services, information services, management of technical cooperation and administration and common services.

Activities

1. Conference and library services

Activities under this component relate to the provision of services in the areas of planning, coordination and management of meetings and conferences and library services. It is expected that the new conference facility will be fully operational during the biennium.

2. Information services

The services to be provided relate to the popularization of the work of ECA as well as the activities undertaken jointly with the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat. Special efforts will be deployed to enhance links with media networks at the national, subregional and regional levels. Activities include the publication of: *Africa Hall News* (monthly); *ECA at Work: review of programmes and activities of the secretariat* (quarterly); information kits; feature stories and fact sheets on selected issues and topics; ECA-ECHO PRESS (a weekly compilation of press releases); ECA Pictorial (pictorial annual photographic album of ECA's activities); films and video presentations; radio broadcasts and documentaries on selected topics; guided tours for visitors; participation in the Pan-African Trade Fair.

3. Management of technical cooperation activities

Main activities include: preparation of project documents, implementation, management, monitoring of projects and reporting to donors; mobilization of extrabudgetary resources; preparation of profiles, basic and specific agreements; maintaining contacts with bilateral and multilateral partners, African Governments and institutions and servicing of pledging conferences.

4. Administration and common services

The Division of Administration and Common Services will continue to provide overall administrative guidance and management of financial and human resources and general services to enable the substantive programmes as well as the ECA field offices to deliver the outputs planned in their work programmes. During the 1996-1997 biennium, the main emphasis will be, firstly, on ensuring that the new conference facility becomes fully operational and is fully maintained; secondly, providing the necessary logistical

support to the conferences and meetings that will take place in Addis Ababa; thirdly, consolidating the several administrative improvements put in place during the current biennium.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

15A.75 The estimated amount of $18,150,000 relates to 66 Professional and 263 General Service (Local level) posts under Programme support (Conference services, information services, technical cooperation and administration and common services). The changes in the staffing table reflect the measures taken to strengthen the capacity of ECA to provide efficient administrative services and to maintain adequately the new conference facilities. The changes relate to the following proposals:

(a) Establishment of two Professional posts of electrical engineer and mechanical engineer at the P-3 level and three General Service (Local level) posts of air-conditioning equipment technician, elevator technician and audio-visual equipment technician to provide for the necessary technical support and maintenance of the new conference facilities;

(b) Redeployment of nine Professional posts from the following subprogrammes: Development issues and policies (1 P-4); Trade, regional economic cooperation and integration (1 P-4; 1 P-3; 1 P-2); Statistics and information systems development (1 P-2); Natural resources (1 P-5 and 1 P-4); Infrastructural and structural development (2 P-3). The need for the redeployment of these posts became apparent from studies and evaluations pointing to the need to strengthen personnel management and financial control as well as the management of technical cooperation activities, in particular revitalization of resources mobilization strategy from traditional and new sources;

(c) Abolition of the two temporary and two General Service (Local level) posts that were approved in relation with construction of conference facilities.

Other staff costs

15A.76 The estimated requirements of $1,635,300 relate to the following expenditures: $586,000 for temporary assistance for meetings that would be required for the recruitment of freelance interpreters for meetings and translators to assist at peak periods during the biennium; $862,800 for the whole of ECA to provide for replacement of staff on extended leave and for additional assistance during peak workload periods; $186,500 for overtime and night differential in connection with servicing of intergovernmental meetings, as well as additional requirements during peak workload periods.

Travel on official business

15A.77 The estimated requirements of $379,300 relate to travel of staff to service meetings under Conference and library services ($254,100) and official travels in connection with activities related to public information ($25,400); Management of technical cooperation ($42,100); Administration and common services ($57,700). The decrease of $22,600 is due to the abolition of the Construction Unit ($11,200), and reductions in Management of technical cooperation ($11,400).

Contractual services

15A.78 The estimated requirements of $1,261,700 relate to the translators' training programme ($929,000) and the salaries of language teachers ($332,700).

General operating expenses

15A.79 The estimated requirements of $4,959,500 relate to operating expenses of the Commission, broken down as follows: rental and maintenance of premises ($666,900); utilities ($866,300); rental of furniture and equipment ($937,600); communications ($1,500,200); official functions ($21,300); miscellaneous services ($967,200). The increase of $480,000 relates to the higher cost of communications ($80,000) and the need for additional insurance policy for the new conference facilities ($400,000).

Supplies and materials

15A.80 The estimated requirements of $2,012,000 relate to the cost of stationery, office supplies, printing and reproduction supplies.

Equipment

15A.81 The estimated amount of $1,247,700, reflecting an increase of $200,000, relates to the replacement of equipment ($224,700); acquisition of office automated equipment to replace obsolete equipment for the whole of ECA ($923,000); transport equipment ($100,000).

Section 15B
Regional Commissions New York Office

Table 15B.1 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	548.8	972.4	—	—	972.4	54.2	1 026.6
Other staff costs	2.9	9.3	—	—	9.3	0.5	9.8
Travel	29.3	34.8	—	—	34.8	1.6	36.4
General operating expenses	10.0	20.2	—	—	20.2	0.8	21.0
Equipment	1.9	7.9	—	—	7.9	0.4	8.3
Total	**592.9**	**1 044.6**	**—**	**—**	**1 044.6**	**57.5**	**1 102.1**

Table 15B.2 **Post requirements**

Regional Commissions New York Office

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-5	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-4/3	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-2/1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	**3**	**3**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**3**	**3**
General Service category								
Other levels	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
Total	**3**	**3**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**3**	**3**
Grand total	**6**	**6**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**6**	**6**

15B.1 The Regional Commissions New York Office serves as a focal point for all liaison work concerning substantive and operational activities of the five regional commissions with departments, offices and programmes at United Nations Headquarters. It also maintains contact, on behalf of the regional commissions, with permanent missions of Member States to the United Nations, relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the public in New York. It is also called upon to analyse and synthesize developments as they occur during the course of meetings of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and their subsidiary bodies.

Activities

15B.2 Representation of the five regional commissions at Headquarters at intergovernmental and intrasecretariat meetings; provision of information between the regional commissions, Headquarters, permanent missions of Member States in New York and the general public and coordinating services among the regional commissions.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

15B.3 The estimated requirements of $972,400 relate to one D-1, one P-5, one P-4 and three General Service (Other level) posts.

Other staff costs

15B.4 The estimated amount of $9,300 relates to general temporary assistance ($6,200) and overtime ($3,100).

Travel on official business

15B.5 An amount of $34,800 would be required for official travel of the staff to regional commissions once every two years, servicing the meetings of the executive secretaries that are held twice annually, attendance at the substantive sessions of the Economic and Social Council and participation in the meetings of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its organizational committee.

General operating expenses, furniture and equipment

15B.6 The estimated requirements of $28,100 relate to rental and maintenance of data-processing equipment ($9,000), communications ($9,800), official functions ($1,400) and furniture and equipment ($7,900).

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Section 16
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

Overview

16.1 The terms of reference of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) were established by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 37 (IV) of 28 March 1947 and amended in subsequent resolutions. Its activities are carried out at ESCAP headquarters at Bangkok and the ESCAP Pacific Operations Centre (EPOC), located in Vanuatu.

16.2 The demands placed on the secretariat have increased in the light of the significant increase in membership and expanded geographical scope of the Commission. During the biennium 1996-1997, emphasis will be placed on the promotion and enhancement of existing regional cooperation modalities and the establishment of new modalities; building of national capabilities and technical assistance activities in the context of the current and emerging socio-economic and political imperatives that have an impact on the Asia and Pacific region; and strengthening the implementation of the directives and mandates.

16.3 The thematic orientation of the programme of work implemented in the biennium 1994-1995, based on the former sectoral orientation, is reflected in the composition of the intergovernmental structure subsidiary to the Commission. This structure comprises three thematic committees, namely, the Committee for Regional Economic Cooperation, the Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development, and the Committee on Poverty Alleviation through Economic Growth and Social Development; two other committees, namely, the Committee on Statistics and the Committee on Transport and Communications; and two special bodies, namely, the Special Body on Least Developed and Land-locked Developing Countries and the Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries. The benefits of the thematic approach should evolve during the biennium 1996-1997 as changes are effected to the secretariat structure to support the thematically oriented programme of work.

16.4 In implementing its programme of work, ESCAP will continue its liaison and coordination with the other regional commissions and the substantive organs, departments and offices of the United Nations Secretariat, as well as with relevant United Nations specialized agencies and non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations and institutions at the international, regional and subregional levels working in fields related to its programme of work.

16.5 The overall level of resources proposed for the biennium 1996-1997 reflects an increase of $287,000, or 0.4 per cent, resulting from the establishment of one P-5 post under subprogramme 3, Poverty alleviation through economic growth and social development, and one P-4 post under subprogramme 6, Least developed, land-locked and island developing countries, and the reclassification of one Local level post to the P-2 level as a result of the General Service classification exercise under Programme support. Other increases under contractual services, general operating expenses and equipment are partially offset by decreases under other staff costs, consultants and experts and travel.

16.6 The estimated percentage distribution of the total resources of ESCAP in 1996-1997 would be as follows:

		Regular budget	*Extra-budgetary*
		(percentage)	
A.	Policy-making organs	1.5	—
B.	Executive direction and management	2.5	0.2
C.	Programme of work	46.1	92.2
D.	Programme support	49.9	7.6
	Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

Table 16.1 **Summary of requirements by programme**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Programme		*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
				Amount	*Percentage*			
A.	Policy-making organs	666.1	839.1	59.9	7.1	899.0	113.9	1 012.9
B.	Executive direction and management	3 289.1	1 518.5	(3.8)	(0.2)	1 514.7	145.6	1 660.3
C.	Programme of work	23 482.3	27 713.8	690.9	2.4	28 404.7	2 726.8	31 131.5
D.	Programme support	23 823.9	31 207.0	(460.0)	(1.4)	30 747.0	3 168.9	33 915.9
	Total	**51 261.4**	**61 278.4**	**287.0**	**0.4**	**61 565.4**	**6 155.2**	**67 720.6**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
3 094.8	3 212.2	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	3 708.8
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
5 784.3	3 581.8	UNDP	3 020.0
3 539.6	2 815.2	UNFPA	2 164.0
23.8	849.1	Other multilateral resources	965.0
12 133.8	15 919.3	Bilateral resources	20 447.0
24 576.3	**26 376.6**	**Total**	**30 304.8**
75 837.7	**87 655.0**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**98 025.4**

Table 16.2 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	43 224.1	51 668.6	252.0	0.4	51 920.6	4 927.7	56 848.3
Other staff costs	802.0	914.2	(23.4)	(2.5)	890.8	112.9	1 003.7
Consultants and experts	358.4	625.6	(126.3)	(20.1)	499.3	64.7	564.0
Travel	936.8	1 149.7	(59.7)	(5.1)	1 090.0	141.0	1 231.0
Contractual services	620.5	556.3	14.2	2.5	570.5	72.6	643.1
General operating expenses	3 292.6	4 402.8	3.8	—	4 406.6	559.4	4 966.0
Supplies and materials	746.7	719.5	—	—	719.5	91.8	811.3
Equipment	1 280.3	1 241.7	226.4	18.2	1 468.1	185.1	1 653.2
Total	**51 261.4**	**61 278.4**	**287.0**	**0.4**	**61 565.4**	**6 155.2**	**67 720.6**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Object of expenditure*	*1996-1997 estimates*
7 837.4	7 266.5	Posts	4 680.0
4 376.2	4 076.0	Consultants and experts	6 370.0
1 356.4	1 319.5	Travel	2 616.0
2 095.5	2 890.5	Contractual services	2 494.8
341.8	192.4	Equipment	558.0
6 546.9	8 994.8	Fellowships, grants, contributions	10 888.0
2 054.5	1 636.9	Other expenditures	2 698.0
24 608.7	**26 376.6**		**30 304.8**
75 870.1	**87 655.0**		**98 025.4**

Table 16.3 **Post requirements**

Programme: Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	12	12	—	—	—	—	12	12
P-5	26	27	—	—	18	14	44	41
P-4/3	113	115	1	—	17	20	131	135
P-2/1	30	31	—	—	3	1	33	32
Total	**183**	**187**	**1**	**—**	**38**	**35**	**222**	**222**
Other categories								
Local level	326	325	—	—	94	78	420	403
Field Service	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
Total	**329**	**328**	**—**	**—**	**94**	**78**	**423**	**406**
Grand total	**512**	**515**	**1**	**—**	**132**	**113**	**645**	**628**

A. Policy-making organs

Table 16.4 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Other staff costs	212.1	366.2	30.0	8.1	396.2	50.3	446.5
Consultants and experts	—	—	43.7	—	43.7	5.6	49.3
Travel	407.5	339.6	—	—	339.6	42.6	382.2
Contractual services	—	85.2	—	—	85.2	10.9	96.1
General operating expenses	23.4	20.6	(13.8)	(66.9)	6.8	0.9	7.7
Supplies and materials	23.1	27.5	—	—	27.5	3.6	31.1
Total	**666.1**	**839.1**	**59.9**	**7.1**	**899.0**	**113.9**	**1 012.9**

16.7 The Commission, which meets annually, provides overall direction to the work of the secretariat. The Commission has 49 member and 10 associate member countries and territories. In addition to the subsidiary bodies of the Commission mentioned in paragraph 16.3 above, an Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission meets monthly to advise the Executive Secretary in the exercise of his functions and to liaise between the Commission and the secretariat.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Other staff costs

16.8 The proposed requirements of $396,200, including an increase of $30,000 under temporary assistance for meetings to cover interpretation and translation services required during peak times in connection with the annual Commission sessions and meetings of committees, intergovernmental and special bodies, and ad hoc ministerial conferences.

Consultants and experts

16.9 The estimated requirements of $43,700 would cover the cost of consultants to provide expertise in connection with the preparation of special thematic studies as may be mandated by the Commission.

Travel

16.10 The estimated requirements of $339,600 relate to the travel costs of conference-servicing staff detailed from New York and Geneva to service the Commission sessions and other meetings held under the auspices of ESCAP.

Contractual services

16.11 The estimated requirements of $85,200 relate to contractual editing required for documentation submitted to the intergovernmental bodies, in particular for the annual *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific*.

General operating expenses

16.12 The estimated requirements for hospitality and miscellaneous services during the holding of the Commission sessions and its subsidiary bodies would amount to $6,800. The reduction of $13,800 relates to the completion of the conference complex, which obviates the need for rental of furniture and equipment during the sessions.

Supplies and materials

16.13 An estimated amount of $27,500 is proposed for supplies and materials required for the holding of the Commission sessions and other meetings.

B. Executive direction and management

Table 16.5 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	3 126.9	1 325.2	—	—	1 352.2	121.5	1 446.7
Other staff costs	0.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Consultants and experts	—	27.3	(3.6)	(13.1)	23.7	3.0	26.7
Travel	162.1	166.0	(0.2)	(0.1)	165.8	21.1	186.9
Total	**3 289.1**	**1 518.5**	**(3.8)**	**(0.2)**	**1 514.7**	**145.6**	**1 660.3**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
38.1	40.5	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	45.0
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
32.4	—	Bilateral sources	—
70.5	**40.5**		**45.0**
3 359.6	**1 559.0**		**1 705.3**

Table 16.6 **Post requirements**

Programme: Executive direction and management

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-5	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-4/3	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Total	**4**	**4**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**4**	**4**
Other categories								
Local level	7	7	—	—	1	1	8	8
Total	**7**	**7**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**1**	**8**	**8**
Grand total	**11**	**11**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**1**	**12**	**12**

16.14 The Office of the Executive Secretary provides overall direction, supervision and management of the secretariat and substantive and support services to the Commission and its subsidiary bodies; and promotes economic and social development and regional cooperation among the member and associate member countries of the Commission through the implementation of its legislative mandates and the approved programme of work.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

16.15 The staff resources would comprise four posts in the Professional category and above and seven Local level posts.

Consultants and experts

16.16 The estimated requirements of $23,700 relate to consultants to provide expertise to undertake research and an overview of new and emerging needs in the work of the Commission.

Travel

16.17 The estimated requirements of $165,800 relate to travel of the Executive Secretary and his immediate staff to attend meetings within and outside the region, for consultations with Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and for coordination with other United Nations entities.

C. Programme of work

16.18 Programme 31, Regional cooperation for development in Asia and the Pacific, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised (A/47/6/Rev.1), provides the framework for the activities to be undertaken by ESCAP during the biennium 1996-1997. These activities are described under the six subprogrammes presented below. The resource distribution of the programme of work may be seen under the relevant subprogrammes.

Table 16.7 **Summary of requirements by programme**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Programme	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
1. Regional economic cooperation	7 973.8	8 528.0	(141.3)	(1.6)	8 386.7	804.0	9 190.7
2. Environment and sustainable development	4 990.9	5 833.8	153.8	2.6	5 987.6	570.4	6 558.0
3. Poverty alleviation through economic growth and social development	4 935.4	5 923.3	522.0	8.8	6 445.3	620.4	7 065.7
4. Transport and communications	3 164.2	3 982.4	(11.5)	(0.2)	3 970.9	383.9	4 354.8
5. Statistics	2 060.0	2 310.5	33.1	1.4	2 343.6	225.3	2 568.9
6. Least developed, land-locked and island developing countries	358.0	1 135.8	134.8	11.8	1 270.6	122.8	1 393.4
Total	**23 482.3**	**27 713.8**	**690.9**	**2.4**	**28 404.7**	**2 726.8**	**31 131.5**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
1 628.7	1 522.5	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	1 695.0
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
5 746.3	3 581.8	UNDP	3 020.0
3 539.6	2 549.8	UNFPA	2 164.0
23.8	849.1	Other multilateral resources	965.0
11 925.5	15 683.7	Bilateral resources	20 117.0
22 861.9	**24 186.9**	**Total**	**27 961.0**
46 344.2	**51 900.7**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**59 092.5**

Table 16.8 **Post requirements**

Programme: Programme of work

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-1	10	10	—	—	—	—	10	10
P-5	18	19	—	—	16	13	34	32
P-4/3	67	71	1	—	16	19	84	90
P-2/1	20	21	—	—	2	—	22	21
Total	**115**	**121**	**1**	**—**	**34**	**32**	**150**	**153**
Other categories								
Local level	87	89	—	—	61	45	148	134
Total	**87**	**89**	**—**	**—**	**61**	**45**	**148**	**134**
Grand total	**202**	**210**	**1**	**—**	**95**	**77**	**298**	**287**

16.19 The estimated percentage distribution of resources among the subprogrammes would be as follows:

	Regular budget	*Extra-budgetary*
	(percentage)	
Subprogramme 1 Regional economic cooperation	29.5	25.4
Subprogramme 2 Environment and sustainable development	21.0	15.6
Subprogramme 3 Poverty alleviation through economic growth and social development	22.7	39.7
Subprogramme 4 Transport and communications	14.0	12.8
Subprogramme 5 Statistics	8.3	5.3
Subprogramme 6 Least developed, land-locked and island developing countries	4.5	1.2
Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

Subprogrammes 1 to 3 have been designated high priority by the General Assembly.

Subprogramme 1
Regional economic cooperation

Table 16.9 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	7 661.2	8 065.4	(64.4)	(0.7)	8 001.0	754.6	8 755.6
Other staff costs	5.6	—	—	—	—	—	—
Consultants and experts	129.3	204.4	(51.4)	(25.1)	153.0	19.5	172.5
Travel	101.0	147.4	(3.3)	(2.2)	144.1	18.6	162.7
Contractual services	76.7	110.8	(22.2)	(20.0)	88.6	11.3	99.9
Total	**7 973.8**	**8 528.0**	**(141.3)**	**(1.6)**	**8 386.7**	**804.0**	**9 190.7**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
458.0	385.5	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	360.0
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
1 989.5	710.9	UNDP	850.0
2 785.6	4 499.1	Bilateral resources	5 895.0
5 233.1	**5 595.5**	**Total**	**7 105.0**
13 206.9	**14 123.9**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**16 295.7**

Table 16.10 **Post requirements**

Programme: Regional economic cooperation

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-1	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
P-5	5	5	—	—	3	3	8	8
P-4/3	21	21	—	—	1	3	22	24
P-2/1	7	6	—	—	—	—	7	6
Total	**36**	**35**	**—**	**—**	**4**	**6**	**40**	**41**
Other categories								
Local level	28	29	—	—	10	8	38	37
Total	**28**	**29**	**—**	**—**	**10**	**8**	**38**	**37**
Grand total	**64**	**64**	**—**	**—**	**14**	**14**	**78**	**78**

16.20 The activities carried out under the subprogramme during the biennium 1994-1995 focused on structural changes, economic restructuring and policy reforms, and consisted of research and operational activities with the objective of strengthening institutional capacities, skill development and promoting trade, investment and technology linkages in the region.

16.21 Activities during the biennium 1996-1997 will aim at further spreading the development dynamism being experienced by an increasing number of developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region and will focus on analytical perspectives on economic development issues, strategies and policies; and identifying and analysing emerging development challenges facing the countries of the region, as well as the deepening trends towards greater complementarity and interdependence among them.

16.22 Efforts will be intensified to assist the developing members and associate members of the Commission in the implementation of the agreements of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations. The potential offered by the growing prospects for intraregional trade, investment and technology transfer and industrial complementarities will be pursued, and regional, subregional and inter-subregional cooperation will be fostered. Trade efficiency measures, including business process re-engineering, will be promoted and stimulated through increased use of recent developments in information and communication technologies, with special attention to the role of the private sector.

16.23 Intensified efforts will be made to enable greater participation of the least developed and island developing countries and the disadvantaged economies in transition in the mainstream of the region's economic development.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations. Cooperation and liaison with governmental and non-governmental institutions and organizations in strengthening analytical perspectives on economic development issues, industrial and technological development and strategies and policies on trade and investment issues, and, with subregional organizations, to promote inter-subregional cooperation.

2. *Parliamentary services*

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*. Submission of 32 reports to the Commission and its subsidiary bodies;

(b) *Substantive services*. Substantive and technical services will be provided to the meetings of the Commission and its subsidiary machinery;

(c) *Ad hoc expert groups*. (i) Development issues and policies (2); (ii) new approaches in industrial financing; (iii) regional cooperation measures for assessment and adoption of new and clean technologies; and (iv) inter-subregional cooperation in trade and investment.

3. *Published material*

(a) *One hundred and seven recurrent publications*. (i) *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific* (2); (ii) *Asia-Pacific Development Journal*; (iii) *Development Papers*; (iv) *Industrial and Technological Development News for Asia and the Pacific* (2); (v) *Small Industry Bulletin for Asia and the Pacific* (2); (vi) *Regional Trade and Investment Review* (2); (vii) *TISNET Trade Information Bulletin* (46); (xviii) *Prices of Selected Asia/Pacific Products* (24); (ix) *Directory of Trade Promotion/Development Organizations of Developing Countries and Areas in Asia and the Pacific*; (x) Trade review of the Bangkok Agreement (2); and (xi) *Fertilizer Trade Information Monthly Bulletin* (24);

(b) *Twenty-two non-recurrent publications*. (i) Fiscal and financial management issues for the developing economies in the region within the evolving global and regional environment; (ii) role and implications of macroeconomic policies for promotion of regional economic cooperation; (iii) macroeconomic policies for restructuring, stabilization and growth in the region, with special attention to developments in the regional disadvantaged economies in transition; (iv) institutional and policy reforms for effective mobilization of private capital for development; (v) emerging issues and concerns in industrial development and technological development and restructuring in the post-Uruguay-Round period: growing competition and need for improved manufacturing competitiveness; (vi) cooperative measures for promoting interregional and intraregional flows of industrial investments and technology, including for the least developed countries and the economies in transition; (vii) strengthening participation of the private sector and non-governmental organizations including objective assessment of privatization measures for industrial and technological development; (viii) new and innovative ways to develop and strengthen industrial and technological skills (2); (ix) regional cooperation for development of export-oriented small and medium industries: implications of trade-related investment measures and trade-related intellectual property rights on flows of technology; (x) technology indicators and directories of selected research and development institutions, experts and technologies (2); (xi) legal aspects of transfer of new and clean sound technologies; (xii) implications of adoption of ISO 9000 and organizational re-engineering measures on technological development; (xiii) regional trade and investment issues (2); (xiv) trade and product profiles (2); (xv) implications of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation for intraregional trade; (xvi) implications of the European Union for the Asian and Pacific economies; and (xvii) trade efficiency issues and business process re-engineering (2).

4. *Information material*

Information material on matters relating to regional economic cooperation in response to requests from the public and private sectors and non-governmental organizations.

5. *Operational activities (XB)*

(a) *Advisory services*. Macroeconomic management, restructuring, stabilization and growth in countries in transition; developing and promoting small and medium industries; policy formulation and reorientations for promoting industrial investment flows and technology transfer; development and utilization of information technologies for manufacturing industries; building up capabilities for the adoption of ISO 9000 and re-engineering measures in small and medium-scale industries; development of trade and investment policy, trade promotion and trade efficiency in the developing economies, particularly economies in transition, least developed countries and geographically

disadvantaged countries; intraregional trade and investment; export promotion; information services for trade and investment; and women's participation in economic development;

(b) *Group training, seminars and workshops*. Macroeconomic management and policy reform; Agenda for Development as a basis for strengthening regional economic cooperation; Regional Forum for Sustainable Industrial Development and Restructuring in Asia and the Pacific; export-oriented small and medium industries, including adoption of ISO 9000; industrial investment technology flows and consultancy services for emerging technologies in manufacturing industries; industrial and technological skills; agricultural and allied industries and national capacity-building for diversification of trade; intra- and inter-subregional cooperation in trade and investment; intraregional trade and investment policies and prospects; regional cooperation in trade efficiency and business process re-engineering; promotion of exports of developing countries, with particular emphasis on least developed and Pacific island countries and developing economies in transition; implementation of the agreements of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations and their impact on Asian and Pacific economies and emerging issues related to international trade, investment flows and technology transfer; trade/transit facilities for land-locked countries; networks of institutional support for development of trade and investment flows; promotion of women's participation in economic development; and strengthening of regional information services for trade and investment.

6. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Coordination and liaison with other programmes, bodies and specialized agencies of the United Nations system on activities relating to the subprogramme, including the ESCAP network on trade facilitation bodies; and to ESCAP's regional institute, the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Staff costs

16.24 The estimated requirements relate to 35 posts in the Professional category and above and 29 Local level posts. It is proposed to redeploy one P-4 and one Local level post from programme support to strengthen the activities relating to trade and trade-related investment policies. It is also proposed to redeploy one P-3 post to subprogramme 3, Poverty alleviation through economic growth and social development, and one P-2 post to subprogramme 2, Environment and sustainable development.

Consultants and experts

16.25 The estimated requirements of $153,000 relate to expert assistance in the preparation of specialized reports and studies ($95,200) and the convening of the ad hoc expert group meetings referred to above ($57,800).

Travel

16.26 The estimated requirements of $144,100 relate to attendance at meetings of United Nations bodies and other intergovernmental organizations, servicing of meetings, advisory services and consultations with Governments and relevant authorities, and data collection for the implementation of the programme of work.

Contractual services

16.27 The estimated requirements of $88,600 relate to the printing of various publications of the subprogramme.

Subprogramme 2
Environment and sustainable development

Table 16.11 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	4 770.2	5 538.0	200.2	3.6	5 738.2	537.8	6 276.0
Consultants and experts	61.1	104.5	(25.6)	(24.4)	78.9	10.1	89.0
Travel	72.2	110.1	(9.9)	(8.9)	100.2	13.6	113.8
Contractual services	87.4	81.2	(10.9)	(13.4)	70.3	8.9	79.2
Total	**4 990.9**	**5 833.8**	**153.8**	**2.6**	**5 987.6**	**570.4**	**6 558.0**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
220.3	188.8	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	270.0
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
1 847.1	1 846.0	UNDP	900.0
—	257.8	Other multilateral resources	300.0
2 392.4	2 879.6	Bilateral resources	2 902.0
4 459.8	**5 172.2**	**Total**	**4 372.0**
9 450.7	**11 006.0**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**10 930.0**

Table 16.12 **Post requirements**

Programme: Environment and sustainable development

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-5	5	5	—	—	2	2	7	7
P-4/3	15	15	—	—	—	4	15	19
P-2/1	4	5	—	—	—	—	4	5
Total	**25**	**26**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**6**	**27**	**32**
Other categories								
Local level	15	16	—	—	7	6	22	22
Total	**15**	**16**	**—**	**—**	**7**	**6**	**22**	**22**
Grand total	**40**	**42**	**—**	**—**	**9**	**12**	**49**	**54**

16.28 The activities under this subprogramme will aim at strengthening the capability of ESCAP members and associate members in environmental and natural resource management; integration of environmental considerations into economic policy decision-making; transfer of environmentally sound technologies; sustainable rural and urban development; population and sustainable development; and natural disaster reduction.

16.29 During the biennium 1996-1997, work will focus on practical actions in the following specific areas: capacity-building for sustainable development; environmental protection; integration of environmental considerations into economic decision-making; energy development and management; mineral resource assessment, development and management; land-use planning and management; assessment and integrated development and management of water resources; natural disaster reduction; space technology applications for sustainable development; transfer of environmentally sound technologies; environmentally friendly crop protection; assessment of demographic change in the environmental context; environment database development; and environmentally sound and sustainable rural and urban development.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations. Liaison and cooperation with intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations on matters relating to all aspects of the subprogramme, in particular with the Coordinating Committee for Coastal and Offshore Geoscience Programmes in East and South-East Asia, the Typhoon Committee, the Panel on Tropical Cyclones and the Interim Committee for Coordination of Investigations of the Lower Mekong Basin.

2. Parliamentary Services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*. Six reports to the Commission; and 14 reports to the Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development on selected issues in relation to the implementation of Agenda 21;

(b) *Substantive services*. Substantive and technical services will be provided to the annual sessions of the Commission and meetings of the Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development; and to the Intergovernmental Consultative Committee on the ESCAP Regional Space Applications Programme for Development;

(c) *Six ad hoc expert groups*. (i) Energy infrastructure and pricing policies; (ii) working party of senior geologists; (iii) sustainable development of water resources; (iv) methodology for environmental planning and assessment; (v) policies on integration of space technology applications with sustainable development planning; and (vi) interlinkages between environment, morbidity and health.

3. Published material

(a) *One hundred and seventeen recurrent publications*. (i) *ESCAP Environment Newsletter* (8); (ii) *Environment News Briefing* (24); (iii) *ESCAP Energy News* (4); (iv) *Energy Resources Development Series;* (v) *Electric Power in Asia and the Pacific;* (vi) *Atlas of Mineral Resources* (2); (vii) Mineral concentrations and hydrocarbon accumulations; (viii) Urban and environmental geology (2); (ix) Implications of the new ocean regime deriving from the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea; (x) *Water Resources Journal* (8); (xi) *Confluence* (4); (xii) *Water Resources Series* (2); (xiii) *Space Technology Applications Newsletter* (8); (xiv) *Asian-Pacific Remote Sensing and GIS Journal* (4); (xv) *Development Papers;* (xvi) *Agro-chemicals News in Brief* (12); (xvii) *RISS: Regional Information Support Service on Agro-chemicals* (26); and (xviii) *Calendar of Meetings on Agro-chemicals* (8);

(b) *Thirty-nine non-recurrent publications*. (i) Proceedings of the Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific; (ii) Agenda 21 and the challenges for the Asia-Pacific region; (iii) implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity; (iv) regional implementation of the Convention on desertification (2); (v) sustainable development: methodologies, approaches and assessment; (vi) ecological tourism development; (vii) integrated resource planning: status and potential in Asian countries of electricity and natural gas (2); (viii) energy efficiency centres; (ix) community participation in the implementation of environmental regulations in the electric power sector; (x) renewable sources of energy supply: environmental management through entrepreneurial development; (xi) mineral resources assessment, development and management; (xii) environmental management of mineral resources development; (xiii) geology for land-use planning and environmental management; (xiv) marine environment and non-living marine resources development; (xv) water resources and demand by user sectors — Phase IV; (xvi) sustainable development of water resources in Asia and the Pacific; (xvii) guidelines on standardization of the Geographic Information System (GIS); (xviii) space technology and applications; (xix) remote sensing and GIS for environment and natural resources management (2); (xx) space applications for sustainable development; (xxi) modalities for integrating environmental considerations into economic decision-making; (xxii) modelling and simulation of macroeconomic systems; (xxiii) socio-economic implications of introducing ozone preservation substances and technologies; (xxiv) population and environment; (xxv) environmental protection and urban development in secondary cities; (xxvi) guidelines for environmentally sound land-use policies; (xxvii) healthy cities; (xxviii) economic aspects of the use of less hazardous pesticides and integrated pest management; (xxix) supply, marketing, distribution and use of fertilizers (4); (xxx) directory of sources of fertilizer-related information; (xxxi) environmentally sound development and management of fertilizer (2); and (xxxii) critical elements of sustainable development;

(c) *Technical material*. Database and modelling for environmental resource accounting, planning and assessment in the region; sectoral energy demand database and analysis of the energy situation; energy planning software; Regional Information Support Service database on remote sensing and GIS; transfer of environmentally sound technologies (2); maintenance and update of database on pesticides and the environment; and database on agro-chemicals and the environment.

4. Information materials and services

(a) *Booklets, pamphlets, fact sheets, wall charts and information kits*. Information on promotion of environmentally sound and sustainable development;

(b) Exhibits and other visual materials for World Day for Water and the International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction (2).

5. Operational activities (XB)

(a) *Advisory services.* Services on implementation of the Regional Action Programme for Environmentally Sound and Sustainable Development; ecological tourism development and reports from citizens on the environment; capacity-building for implementation of environment conventions and international conventions on hazardous-waste management control and waste audits; coastal environmental management; evaluation and impact assessment of sustainable development and technical assistance in coastal areas; energy development, conservation and management policy; environmental impact and risk assessment of energy systems; energy resource options and technologies; applications of new and renewable sources of energy, energy mixes, and rural energy supply; power-system planning and maintenance; mineral exploration and environmental management of mineral resources development; mineral policies and strategies for resource development; environmental geology and geology for land-use planning; integrated water resources development and management; protection of water resources, water quality and aquatic ecosystems; management of urban water resources and systems; mitigation of water-related natural disasters; space technology applications for sustainable development, with emphasis on policy issues, and institutional building and application of GIS and remote sensing for environment and natural resources management; remote sensing and related GIS applications; environmental considerations in economic decision-making; transfer of environmentally sound technologies and associated capacity-building; population and environment; and pesticides alternatives;

(b) *Group training, seminars and workshops.* Environmentally sound and sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific; environmental awareness and management; resource conservation and energy efficiency; new and renewable sources of energy; energy resource options, technologies and investment (2); power-system planning and maintenance; mineral exploration techniques and evaluation methodologies for resource assessment, and environmental management of mineral resources development; economic geology, mineral resource economics and legislation, and investment promotion in mineral exploration and mining; geological factors in land-use planning and resource accounting; integrated marine policies and non-living marine resources assessment and development; water pricing, water saving and economic use of water; protection of water resources and aquatic ecosystems; investment promotion for water and sanitation, the role of women in water for sustainable development and natural hazard reduction; implementation of the Beijing declaration on space technology applications for environmentally sound and sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific, and the regional strategy and action plan on space applications for sustainable development: regional space applications programme; remote sensing and GIS for land and sea resources management and for tropical ecosystem monitoring; strengthening of national capabilities in space applications for development; monitoring, mapping and sampling techniques for environment and natural resources management; integration of environmental considerations into economic decision-making; assessment of the establishment of a regional cooperative policy mechanism to promote the transfer of environmentally sound technologies; population and environment; promotion of healthy cities and settlements upgrading (2); environmental protection and urban development in secondary cities; and environmentally friendly concepts of crop protection and development and management of agro-chemicals in support of sustainable agricultural development.

6. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Liaison and cooperation with organizations and entities of the United Nations system and other international organizations active in areas related to the subprogramme, including the Inter-Agency Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific; the Inter-Agency Task Forces on Water for Asia and the Pacific and the Implementation of the Strategy and Action Plan on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

16.30 The estimated requirements relate to 26 posts in the Professional category and above and 16 Local level posts. It is proposed to redeploy one P-2 post from subprogramme 1, Regional economic cooperation, to strengthen capacity-building, coordination, monitoring and review of the implementation of Agenda 21; and one Local level post from programme support.

Consultants and experts

16.31 The estimated requirements of $78,900 relate to consultants to provide expertise for the preparation of specialized reports and publications ($45,200) and to the convening of the expert group meetings listed above ($33,700).

Travel

16.32 The estimated requirements of $100,200 relate to attendance at sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development, meetings related to the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Committee on Natural Resources, liaison with regional and international organizations active in the field of work, and collection of information and data for the publications under the subprogramme.

Contractual services

16.33 The estimated requirements of $70,300 relate to the printing and binding of publications.

Subprogramme 3
Poverty alleviation through economic growth and social development

Table 16.13 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	4 722.1	5 527.1	629.5	11.3	6 156.6	581.4	6 738.0
Other staff costs	9.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Consultants and experts	103.2	187.7	(62.0)	(33.0)	125.7	17.0	142.7
Travel	75.4	168.6	(45.5)	(26.0)	123.1	16.6	139.7
Contractual services	24.8	39.9	—	—	39.9	5.4	45.3
Total	**4 935.4**	**5 923.3**	**522.0**	**8.8**	**6 445.3**	**620.4**	**7 065.7**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
519.2	491.1	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	540.0
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
396.5	270.0	UNDP	670.0
3 451.3	2 176.7	UNFPA	2 164.0
23.8	389.8	Other multilateral resources	415.0
5 103.4	5 173.2	Bilateral resources	7 291.0
9 494.2	**8 500.8**	**Total**	**11 080.0**
14 429.6	**14 424.1**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**18 145.7**

Table 16.14 **Post requirements**

Programme: Poverty alleviation through economic growth and social development

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-1	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
P-5	4	5	—	—	7	4	11	9
P-4/3	14	16	—	—	7	8	21	24
P-2/1	3	4	—	—	2	—	5	4
Total	**24**	**28**	**—**	**—**	**16**	**12**	**40**	**40**
Other categories								
Local level	17	17	—	—	26	21	43	38
Total	**17**	**17**	**—**	**—**	**26**	**21**	**43**	**38**
Grand total	**41**	**45**	**—**	**—**	**42**	**33**	**83**	**78**

16.34 The objectives of this subprogramme are to increase the understanding and improve the quality and availability of data and analyses of poverty trends, issues and problems, as well as to improve national capabilities in enhancing the quality of social services to meet the basic needs of the poor in Asia and the Pacific. In previous bienniums, those objectives were met through a series of parliamentary, research, information and technical assistance activities, with emphasis on mobilizing government action through the adoption of regional plans of actions.

16.35 Activities for the biennium 1996-1997 will focus on assisting member countries in their efforts to alleviate poverty through economic growth, investment to increase the productivity of the poor, improved access to income-earning opportunities, and enhancement of the quality of life through an improved social services delivery system. The work programme will also address the impact of macroeconomic liberalization on poverty alleviation; social security and services for the poor; human resources development for the poor; population; urbanization; rural development; women in development; and the impact of technology on the poor.

16.36 The work will be carried out under the guidance of the Committee on Poverty Alleviation through Economic Growth and Social Development.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations. Liaison and cooperation with intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations on matters relating to the subprogramme.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*. Six reports on poverty alleviation to the Commission; four reports to the Committee on Poverty Alleviation through Economic Growth and Social Development; and three reports to the Fifth Asian and Pacific Ministerial Conference on Social Welfare and Social Development;

(b) *Substantive services*. Substantive and technical services will be provided to the meetings of the Committee on Poverty Alleviation through Economic Growth and Social Development and to the Fifth Asian and Pacific Ministerial Conference on Social Welfare and Social Development;

(c) *Six ad hoc expert groups*. (i) Phase III of the Jakarta Plan of Action on Human Resources Development in the ESCAP Region; (ii) implementation of the Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region; (iii) analysis of the role of women in family planning management; (iv) preparations for the 1998 Ministerial Conference on Urbanization; (v) regional follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women; and (vi) review of the implementation of the Jakarta Declaration for the Advancement of Women in Asia and the Pacific.

3. Published material

(a) *Fifty-two recurrent publications*. (i) *Human Resources Development Newsletter* (4); (ii) *Social Development Newsletter* (4); (iii) *Asia-Pacific Population Journal* (8); (iv) *Population Headliners* (24); (v) *Newsletter on Poverty Alleviation Initiatives* (8); and (vi) *WINAP Newsletter* (4);

(b) *Thirty-two non-recurrent publications*. (i) Impact of macroeconomic liberalization on economic growth and poverty alleviation; (ii) analysis of programmes for alleviating poverty at the local level; (iii) guidelines for implementing the Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region; (iv) policies on emerging social issues in Asia and the Pacific (2); (v) social security for the poor in the ESCAP region; (vi) policies and programmes for strengthening the role of the family in providing social protection; (vii) directory of centres of excellence for human resources development in the ESCAP region; (viii) registration procedures for non-governmental organizations working for human resources development; (ix) innovative approaches to poverty alleviation through the planning and delivery of human resources development services in Asia and the Pacific; (x) policies and programmes for the development of human resources development among youth; (xi) approaches to community-based drug demand reduction in the ESCAP region; (xii) approaches to community-based human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) prevention in the ESCAP region; (xiii) training manual on community-based responses to critical social issues: poverty, drug abuse and HIV/AIDS; (xiv) management of self-help organizations of people with disabilities; (xv) production and distribution of devices to assist people with disabilities; (xvi) approaches to the development of comprehensive national policies on ageing; (xvii) trends in fertility and family planning in the ESCAP region; (xviii) intraregional migration: monitoring report (2); (xix) labour force and manpower projections in the ESCAP region; (xx) role of family dynamics in population; (xxi) demographic aspects of women and poverty; (xxii) compendium of inter-agency work programmes on rural poverty alleviation; (xxiii) impact of market reforms and price liberalization on agriculture and rural development; (xxiv) market-generated rural employment for rural poverty alleviation; (xxv) manual on rural poverty alleviation through replication of successful cases; (xxvi) increasing people's participation in urban governance; (xxvii) experiences in urban community-based savings and credit systems; (xxviii) directory of non-governmental organizations on women; (xxix) improving the status of women in poverty; (xxx) promotion of small town and village industries for employment generation and poverty alleviation in rural areas;

(c) *Technical material*. Training material on the planning and delivery of human resources development services for the poor; data bank on human resources development policies and programmes; skills development and employment for youth; population information network (POPIN) and centres data bank, telecommunications and multi-media products and services; demographic data sheet; and regional database on women in development.

4. Information materials and services

Booklets, pamphlets, fact sheets, wall charts and information kits. Information materials on the Fifth Asian and Pacific Ministerial Conference on Social Welfare and Social Development; and to mark the mid-point of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons.

5. Operational activities (XB)

(a) *Advisory services*. Services on the impact of macroeconomic liberalization on economic growth and poverty alleviation; alleviating poverty through local-level programmes; the Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region; the Jakarta Plan of Action on Human Resources Development in the ESCAP Region; the Agenda for Action for the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons; the Bali Declaration on Population and Sustainable Development; the International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action; market-generated rural employment; the Regional Action Plan on Urbanization and support to urban forums; and the Jakarta Declaration for the Advancement of Women in Asia and the Pacific;

(b) *Group training, seminars and workshops*. The impact of macroeconomic liberalization on economic growth and poverty alleviation; poverty alleviation through local-level programmes; Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region; social protection to meet the basic needs of the poor; the role of the family in providing social protection; human resources development policies and programmes; utilization of human resources in the public sector; gender equity in human resources development; employment and skills development among low-income youth and youth participation in development; community-based drug demand reduction and HIV/AIDS prevention programmes; quality of life of specific disadvantaged groups through innovative policies and programmes; population policies; demographic analysis; Asia-Pacific POPIN and related projects; policies and programmes for rural and urban poverty alleviation; off-farm and non-farm employment generation and its impact on rural poverty alleviation; market-generated employment for rural poverty alleviation; rural poverty alleviation under economic liberalization regimes; participatory and gender-sensitive urban planning and management; land management for equitable access to land; alleviation of poverty among women; Jakarta Declaration for the Advancement of Women in Asia and the Pacific; and technological capabilities of small town and village industries for increased competitiveness.

6. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Substantive and technical services will be provided to the inter-agency task force on the implementation of the Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region; the regional inter-agency committee on poverty alleviation; the regional inter-organizational committee on urbanization; and ESCAP's regional institute, the Regional Coordination Centre for Research and Development of Coarse Grains, Pulses, Roots and Tuber Crops in the Humid Tropics of Asia and the Pacific; as well as to the Administrative Committee on Coordination machinery and other bodies, organizations and departments within the United Nations system.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

16.37 The estimated requirements relate to 28 posts in the Professional category and above and 17 Local level posts. It is proposed to establish one P-5 post for the Chief, Rural Development Section, to manage, develop and coordinate the programme of work relating to regional rural poverty alleviation, sustainable agriculture and rural development. It is also proposed to redeploy one P-4 post and one P-2 post from programme support and one P-3 post from subprogramme 1, Regional economic development, to strengthen the substantive activities of this subprogramme.

Consultants and experts

16.38 The estimated requirements of $125,700 relate to consultants to provide expertise in the preparation of specialized studies and publications ($60,600) and for the convening of ad hoc expert group meetings ($65,100).

Travel

16.39 The estimated requirements of $123,100 are requested for representation at meetings of United Nations bodies, missions on data collection in the context of preparation of publications and various studies, provision of advisory services, consultations with Governments and governmental and non-governmental organizations, servicing of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Subcommittee on Rural Development, and participation in meetings related to rural poverty alleviation.

Contractual services

16.40 The estimated requirements of $39,900 relate to the printing and binding of publications.

Subprogramme 4
Transport and communications

Table 16.15 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	3 087.0	3 887.8	—	—	3 887.8	373.4	4 261.2
Other staff costs	1.8	—	—	—	—	—	—
Consultants and experts	30.0	28.5	(5.5)	(19.2)	23.0	2.8	25.8
Travel	40.8	60.5	(6.1)	(10.0)	54.4	7.0	61.4
Contractual services	4.6	5.6	0.1	1.7	5.7	0.7	6.4
Total	**3 164.2**	**3 982.4**	**(11.5)**	**(0.2)**	**3 970.9**	**383.9**	**4 354.8**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
349.8	366.1	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	390.0
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
1 465.2	754.9	UNDP	600.0
—	—	Other multilateral resources	250.0
907.7	1 939.5	Bilateral resources	2 343.0
2 722.7	**3 060.5**	**Total**	**3 583.0**
5 886.9	**7 042.9**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**7 937.8**

Table 16.16 **Post requirements**

Programme: Transport and communications

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-5	2	2	—	—	2	3	4	5
P-4/3	11	12	1	—	5	4	17	16
P-2/1	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
Total	**17**	**18**	**1**	**—**	**7**	**7**	**25**	**25**
Other categories								
Local level	11	11	—	—	11	7	22	18
Total	**11**	**11**	**—**	**—**	**11**	**7**	**22**	**18**
Grand total	**28**	**29**	**1**	**—**	**18**	**14**	**47**	**43**

16.41 The focus of the subprogramme will be on improving the transport and communications services and infrastructural facilities of the developing countries in the region; and increasing their natural capabilities in institutional development in line with the strategic themes and related issues identified for phase II (1992-1996) of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific and with the New Delhi action plan on infrastructure development in Asia and the Pacific.

16.42 Recognizing that the provision of transport and communications infrastructure and services is a key requirement for economic growth, the activities under this subprogramme have been designed to provide maximum support to the economic growth of the countries in the region. Other significant aspects of the subprogramme are the analysis of problems in relation to infrastructure development needs and the strengthening of inter-agency coordination and cooperation in the field of transport and communications at the regional level.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations. Cooperation with and support to other governmental, non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations on matters related to the subprogramme.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*. Report to Economic and Social Council on phase II of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific; annual reports to the Commission on the progress of work carried out under this subprogramme (2); six reports to the Committee on Transport and Communications; three reports to the meeting of ministers on infrastructure;

(b) *Substantive services*. Substantive and technical services will be provided to the meetings of the Committee on Transport and Communications; and the meeting of ministers on infrastructure;

(c) *Ad hoc expert groups and related work*. Expert group meeting on financing and administration of rural infrastructure.

3. Published materials

(a) *Eleven recurrent publications*. (i) *Review of Developments in Transport, Communications and Tourism*; (ii) *Transport and Communications Bulletin for Asia and the Pacific* (2); (iii) *Decade News* (2); (iv) *ESCAP Tourism Review* (2); and (v) *ESCAP Tourism Newsletter* (4);

(b) *Fifteen non-recurrent publications (XB)*. (i) Environmentally friendly transport; (ii) prospects for container shipping and port development; (iii) private sector participation in ports; (iv) transport of hazardous goods; (v) multimodal transport legislation; (vi) financing and administration of rural infrastructure development; (vii) trainers' manual for inland water transport; (viii) information requirements for the management of inland water transport; (ix) highway network development in Asian republics; (x) land transport corridors between Central Asia and Europe; (xi) trans-Asian railway route requirements; (xii) revised Asian highway map; (xiii) tourism development in countries along the Mekong river; (xiv) policy issues for expansion of tourism, strengthening of regional cooperation and promotion of intraregional tourism; and (xv) shipping policies in Asia and the Pacific;

(c) *Technical material*. Transport policy planning models (XB); monitoring and coordination database in support of phase II of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific and the New Delhi action plan on infrastructure development in Asia and the Pacific (XB); and development of Asian highway database.

4. Operational activities (XB)

(a) *Advisory services*. Services on financial and economic evaluation of transport infrastructure development; commercialization and private sector participation in transport; port operations; multimodal transport, freight forwarding and logistics; development and management of transport; and strengthening of national capabilities in the expansion of tourism;

(b) *Group training, seminars, and workshops*. Transport policy and planning; multimodal transport, freight forwarding and logistics; environment and safety in transport; development of rural infrastructure; development of small ports and inter-island shipping services; commercialization and private sector participation in transport; financial and economic evaluation of transport infrastructure development; facilitation of maritime transport; development and management of transport; and tourism development.

5. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Liaison and cooperation with other programmes, bodies and specialized agencies of the United Nations system on matters relating to the work programme. Substantive and technical services will be provided to the inter-agency meetings relating to phase II of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific and the New Delhi action plan on infrastructure development.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Staff costs

16.43 The estimated requirements relate to 18 posts in the Professional category and above and 11 Local level posts to implement the activities of the subprogramme. It is proposed to convert a temporary P-3 post to an established post dealing with the implementation of the New Delhi action plan on infrastructure development in Asia and the Pacific, given the continuing nature of the plan.

Consultants and experts

16.44 The estimated resource requirements of $23,000 relate to specialized expertise for the preparation of publications ($11,800) and for the convening of one ad hoc expert group meeting ($11,200).

Travel

16.45 The estimated requirements of $54,400 relate to travel of staff for fact-finding missions and data collection, consultations with Governments, United Nations bodies and the specialized agencies, and participation in national, regional and inter-agency meetings, including consultations with ESCWA on phase II of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific.

Contractual services

16.46 The estimated requirements of $5,700, relate to the printing of publications.

Subprogramme 5
Statistics

Table 16.17 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	1 918.7	2 156.8	53.8	2.4	2 210.6	208.3	2 418.9
Other staff costs	31.4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Consultants and experts	23.4	54.4	(18.4)	(33.8)	36.0	4.6	40.6
Travel	34.6	37.3	8.6	23.0	45.9	5.9	51.8
Contractual services	51.9	62.0	(10.9)	(17.5)	51.1	6.5	57.6
Total	**2 060.0**	**2 310.5**	**33.1**	**1.4**	**2 343.6**	**225.3**	**2 568.9**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
57.4	62.9	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	90.0
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
461.0	—	UNDP	—
88.3	373.1	UNFPA	—
—	201.5	Other multilateral resources	—
420.9	908.9	Bilateral resources	1 386.0
Total	**1 027.6**	**1 546.4**		**1 476.0**
Total (1) and (2)	**3 087.6**	**3 856.9**		**4 044.9**

Table 16.18 **Post requirements**

Programme: Statistics

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-5	1	1	—	—	2	1	3	2
P-4/3	4	4	—	—	1	—	5	4
P-2/1	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
Total	**8**	**8**	**—**	**—**	**3**	**1**	**11**	**9**
Other categories								
Local level	15	15	—	—	2	2	17	17
Total	**15**	**15**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**2**	**17**	**17**
Grand total	**23**	**23**	**—**	**—**	**5**	**3**	**28**	**26**

16.47 During the biennium 1996-1997, the subprogramme will continue to assist member countries and groups of countries in developing and improving their capability to identify, collect, process, analyse and utilize the data needed for the formulation, monitoring and evaluation of development plans and policies; improve the maintenance, dissemination and availability of data on the region through the gathering of demographic, social, economic and other statistics; and foster the utilization of modern information technology in the public sector in order to strengthen the ability of the countries in the region to plan and manage economic and social development, both at central and local levels.

16.48 Activities will also include the implementation of the 1993 System of National Accounts and the development of statistics on services; intensification of work on gender statistics and on the development and utilization of data on poverty; initial preparations for the year 2000 round of population and housing censuses; and the further improvement of environment statistics and environmental and natural resource accounting. Effort will be concentrated on fully operationalizing the ESCAP statistical information system, including provision of on-line access, and on promoting electronic interchange and networking among national statistical offices of the region. Emphasis will be placed on developing the Committee on Statistics as the focus of regional statistical development, in line with the recommendations of the United Nations Statistical Commission.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations. Cooperation and liaison of statistical activities undertaken in the programme of work with related activities undertaken by intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in the region.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation.* Report to the Commission on the progress of work carried out under the subprogramme; and five reports to the Committee on Statistics;

(b) *Substantive services.* Substantive and technical services will be provided to the meetings of the Committee on Statistics;

(c) *Ad hoc expert groups.* One ad hoc expert group to examine topics to be designated by the Committee on Statistics.

3. Published material

(a) *Twenty-six recurrent publications.* (i) *Statistical Newsletter* (8); (ii) *Government computerization newsletter* (4); (iii) *Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific* (2); (iii) *Foreign Trade Statistics of Asia and the Pacific* (2); (iv) *Statistical Indicators for Asia and the Pacific* (8); and (v) *Asia-Pacific in Figures* (2);

(b) *Seven non-recurrent publications.* (i) Statistical profiles by subregion (2); (ii) regional compendium of environmental statistics; (iii) statistical charts on thematic topics (2); and (iv) technical publications on socio-economic and environment statistics (2);

(c) *Technical materials.* Development and maintenance of the ESCAP statistical information system; ad hoc statistical information services through conventional means and on-line access; and distribution of data on diskettes and/or CD-ROM.

4. Operational activities (XB)

(a) *Advisory services.* Services on organizational and institutional issues affecting national statistical services; implementation of the 1993 System of National Accounts; economic, social and demographic statistics; electronic interchange and networking; design and development of government information systems; and technical and substantive support to the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific;

(b) *Group training, including seminars, and workshops.* Improved management and organization of national statistical services; economic statistics, including implementation of the revised System of National Accounts and the International Comparison Programme; social and demographic statistics; environment statistics and environmental accounting; and design and development of information systems.

5. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Coordination with and inputs to the Administrative Committee on Coordination machinery and other bodies, organizations and departments within the United Nations system on statistical activities.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Staff costs

16.49 The estimated requirements relate to 8 posts in the Professional category and above and 15 Local level posts.

Consultants and experts

16.50 The estimated requirements of $36,000 relate to consultants to provide expertise in the preparation of specialized publications and dissemination of outputs from the ESCAP statistical information system ($24,800); and for the convening of an expert group meeting ($11,200).

Travel

16.51 The estimated requirements of $45,900 relate to participation in regional and inter-agency meetings, consultations with Governments and data collection. The increase of $8,600 is due to the change in the periodicity of the meetings of the Statistical Commission Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination from biennial to annual and to the expanded role of ESCAP in coordination.

Contractual services

16.52 The estimated requirement of $51,100 relates to the printing of publications.

Subprogramme 6
Least developed, land-locked and island developing countries

Table 16.19 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 appropriations	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	1996-1997 estimates
			Amount	Percentage			
Posts	338.4	1 010.9	198.5	19.6	1 209.4	114.8	1 324.2
Other staff costs	—	53.4	(53.4)	(100.0)	—	—	—
Consultants and experts	7.0	18.0	(2.7)	(15.0)	15.3	2.1	17.4
Travel	12.6	53.5	(7.6)	(14.2)	45.9	5.9	51.8
Total	**358.0**	**1 135.8**	**134.8**	**11.8**	**1 270.6**	**122.8**	**1 393.4**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 estimates	Source of funds	1996-1997 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
24.0	28.1	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	45.0
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
315.5	283.4	Bilateral resources	300.0
Total	**339.5**	**311.5**	**345.0**
Total (1) and (2)	**697.5**	**1 447.3**	**1 738.4**

Table 16.20 **Post requirements**

Programme: Least developed, land-locked and island developing countries

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-5	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-4/3	2	3	—	—	2	—	4	3
P-2/1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Total	**5**	**6**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**—**	**7**	**6**
Other categories								
Local level	1	1	—	—	5	1	6	2
Total	**1**	**1**	**—**	**—**	**5**	**1**	**6**	**2**
Grand total	**6**	**7**	**—**	**—**	**7**	**1**	**13**	**8**

16.53 The main orientation of work will be to assist the least developed countries in achieving the goals set out in the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s. The secretariat is undertaking a comprehensive mid-term review of the implementation of the Programme of Action to assess the achievements that have been made and to recommend measures for more effective implementation of the Programme of Action. The focus of work for the biennium 1996-1997 will be on enhancing effectiveness of action and measures at the national level; capacity-building; providing support in the implementation of ongoing economic reforms in the least developed countries with a view to improving macroeconomic management, relaxing direct controls, enhancing domestic resource mobilization, promoting private sector development, reforming public enterprises, attracting a larger inflow of foreign investment and technology, and instituting more effective measures to redress social issues, particularly with regard to alleviating poverty, human resources development and protecting the environment. Attention will also be given to the question of adequacy of resource flows to the least developed countries, including issues related to the quality of such resources, matching assistance to needs and effective utilization of aid on the part of recipient countries.

16.54 The Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, adopted at the Global Conference in 1994, calls on the Commission to coordinate the implementation of the conference outcomes at the regional level, to act as a point of liaison between the United Nations agencies and the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development at Headquarters and between the United Nations agencies at the regional and subregional levels; to report on the implementation of the Programme of Action at the regional level; and to assist regional and subregional organizations and mechanisms involved in the promotion of sustainable development. The Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries will provide the forum for the dialogue and exchange of experience between the countries of the ESCAP region.

16.55 Activities during the biennium 1996-1997 will also address the special problems of the land-locked countries, in particular as regards transport and transit trade. These activities will lead to recommendations for suitable measures to solve these problems in accordance with international legal instruments.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations. Liaison and cooperation with intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations on issues related to the least developed, land-locked and Pacific island developing countries in support of the programme of work.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*. Five reports to the Commission;

(b) *Substantive services*. Substantive and technical services will be provided to the Special Body on Least Developed and Land-locked Developing Countries, third session (1997); and the Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries, fourth session (1997).

3. Published material

Nine non-recurrent publications. (i) Follow-up to the mid-term review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s; (ii) overcoming institutional constraints of least developed countries in implementing macroeconomic policies; (iii) increasing efficiency in resource management in the least developed countries; (iv) population and development in the least developed countries; (v) island developing countries; (vi) policy and institution-building issues associated with increased trade and investment, particularly with east and south-east Asia; (vii) manual for the design and implementation of economic stabilization, liberalization and deregulation initiatives in the Pacific island developing countries; (viii) study on shipping and port capacities in the island developing countries; and (ix) development of policy options for replacing ageing ships in the Pacific island countries.

4. Operational activities (XB)

(a) *Advisory services*. Services on economic reforms in the least developed countries; economic and financial management in Pacific island developing countries; demographic issues in the Pacific island

developing countries; institutional capability-building, including private sector development for the promotion of industrial investment and technology transfer; and promotion of sustainable development in small island developing States;

(b) *Group training, including seminars and workshops.* Follow-up to the mid-term review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s; improving the access of women to formal credit and financial institutions in selected least developed countries; overcoming institutional constraints of least developed countries in implementing macroeconomic policies; increasing efficiency in resource management in the least developed countries; policy and institution-building for enhanced trade and investment in the Pacific island developing countries; economic stabilization, liberalization and deregulation in the Pacific island developing countries; demographic issues in the Pacific island developing countries; development of freight forwarding and multimodal transport in the land-locked countries; policy reorientation and capability-building for effective industrial and technological development, including promotion of industrial investment and technology transfer.

5. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Coordination with and inputs to the Administrative Committee on Coordination machinery and other bodies, organizations and departments within the United Nations system on activities related to the subprogramme.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

16.56 The estimated requirements relate to six posts in the Professional category and above and one Local level post. It is proposed to establish one P-4 post for the follow-up to the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States. Provision under general temporary assistance was made for that purpose in 1995.

Other staff costs

16.57 The provision of $53,400 for general temporary assistance for the follow-up to the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States would be discontinued in connection with the proposed creation of one P-4 post mentioned above.

Consultants and experts

16.58 The estimated requirements of $15,300 relate to consultants to provide expertise in the preparation of specialized publications and studies.

Travel

16.59 The estimated requirements of $45,900 relate to attendance at the sessions of the Trade and Development Board in Geneva on matters related to the least developed countries and the sessions of the South Pacific Forum in Suva, Fiji, on matters related to the Pacific island developing countries, consultations with Governments, data collection for studies and publications and provision of advisory services.

D. Programme support

Table 16.21 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	17 599.6	24 157.4	(765.6)	(3.1)	23 391.8	2 235.9	25 627.7
Other staff costs	541.1	494.6	—	—	494.6	62.6	557.2
Consultants and experts	4.4	0.8	(0.8)	(100.0)	—	—	—
Travel	30.6	66.7	4.3	6.4	71.0	9.7	80.7
Contractual services	375.1	171.6	58.1	33.8	229.7	28.9	258.6
General operating expenses	3 269.2	4 382.2	17.6	0.4	4 399.8	558.5	4 958.3
Supplies and materials	723.6	692.0	—	—	692.0	88.2	780.2
Equipment	1 280.3	1 241.7	226.4	18.2	1 468.1	185.1	1 653.2
Total	**23 823.9**	**31 207.0**	**(460.0)**	**(1.4)**	**30 747.0**	**3 168.9**	**33 915.9**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
1 428.0	1 648.2	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	1 968.8
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
39.9	—	UNDP	—
—	264.4	UNFPA	—
208.3	235.6	Bilateral resources	330.0
1 676.2	**2 148.2**	**Total**	**2 298.8**
25 500.1	**33 355.2**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**36 214.7**

Table 16.22 **Post requirements**

Programme support

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-1	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
P-5	7	7	—	—	2	1	9	8
P-4/3	45	43	—	—	1	1	46	44
P-2/1	10	10	—	—	1	1	11	11
Total	**64**	**62**	**—**	**—**	**4**	**3**	**68**	**65**
Other categories								
Local level	232	229	—	—	32	32	264	261
Field Service	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
Total	**235**	**232**	**—**	**—**	**32**	**32**	**267**	**264**
Grand total	**299**	**294**	**—**	**—**	**36**	**35**	**335**	**329**

16.60 Programme support comprises programme management, information services, conference services and administration and common services.

Activities

1. Programme management

(a) Activities include overall coordination of programme planning, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation services to the Commission and other meetings, collaboration with other entities and organizations of the United Nations system and appropriate outside institutions, mobilization of extrabudgetary resources and management of technical cooperation activities;

(b) *Parliamentary documentation*. Annual report to the Commission on technical cooperation activities and on economic and technical cooperation among developing countries; biennial report to the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries; and annual reports to the Commission on the implementation of the programme of work;

(c) Two workshops on national focal points for technical cooperation among developing countries.

2. Information services

Activities include full coverage of the work of the Commission by preparing press releases, summaries of proceedings and debates, special brochures, booklets, wall charts, information kits, films, videotapes, briefings and exhibitions; and library services.

3. Conference services

Activities include the provision of conference services to meetings of the policy-making organs and other intergovernmental meetings held under the auspices of ESCAP; and translation and printing of documents and publications.

4. Administration and common services

These services relate to human resources management, financial administration and resource planning, and use of common services to support the implementation of the work programme. Activities will include (a) recruitment, placement, career development, staff training, staff administration, staff counselling and medical services; (b) financial management, control and treasury services; (c) general services, including

security and safety, communications, procurement, transportation; and (d) electronic data-processing services.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

16.61 The estimated resources relate to 62 posts in the Professional category and above, 229 Local level posts and three Field Service posts. The reclassification from Local level to P-2 of a post for a building management officer is proposed as a result of the classification exercise carried out in ESCAP. It is also proposed to redeploy one P-4 and one Local level post to subprogramme 1, Regional economic cooperation; one P-4 and one P-2 post to subprogramme 3, Poverty alleviation through economic growth and social development; and one Local level post to subprogramme 2, Environment and sustainable development. The decrease of $765,600 is due to these redeployments.

Other staff costs

16.62 The estimated requirements of $494,600 relate to general temporary assistance ($267,900) for assistance during peak workload periods and to cover the replacement of staff on extended sick leave and maternity leave, and a provision ($226,700) for overtime in peak workload periods and night differential.

Travel

16.63 The estimated requirements of $71,000 relate to travel for consultations at Headquarters and ESCAP institutes on programme coordination and administrative, financial and personnel matters.

Contractual services

16.64 The estimated requirements of $229,700 relate to language training ($55,300); external printing of publications and studies ($16,000); exhibits and other public information requirements ($5,100); and data processing ($153,300). The increase of $58,100 is due to increased requirements for software acquisition and systems design and development, partially offset by the discontinuation of provisions related to training to be centrally administered at Headquarters.

General operating expenses

16.65 The estimated requirements of $4,399,800 comprise the following: (i) $1,317,000 for rental and maintenance of premises, including a reduction of $78,200, for minor alterations, supplies and other miscellaneous expenses related to the maintenance of premises; (ii) $1,805,300 for utilities, including water and electricity; (iii) $117,500, including an increase of $38,900, for rental of office equipment for the secretariat and the conference complex; (iv) $39,900, including a decrease of $30,400, for rental and maintenance of equipment; (v) $680,900 for communications; (vi) $13,200 for official functions; (vii) $100,100, including an increase of $78,100, for maintenance of transportation, communications, and office automation equipment; and (viii) $325,900 for miscellaneous services, such as insurance, freight and related costs, and other services.

Supplies and materials

16.66 An estimated amount of $692,000 would be required for office supplies, internal reproduction supplies and data-processing supplies.

Equipment

16.67 An estimated provision of $1,468,100 would be required as follows: $207,500, including an increase of $71,700, for replacement of office equipment as part of the replacement schedule; $945,000, including an increase of $37,100, for acquisition of automation equipment and related software; $85,700, including an increase of $52,700, for replacement of printing equipment and conference-servicing equipment; $51,300 for transportation equipment; $25,600 for communication equipment; and $153,000 for other equipment, including building maintenance, medical and security and safety equipment.